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Students wait outside Parkhurst Hall after a student was reported to have a weapon in the building on Tuesday. The Milledgeville Police Department, Baldwin County Sheriff Department and GCSU Public Safety all responded after a female student pressed the emergency button in her dorm room.

Iwo students arrested

Campus alarmed after Parkhurst incident, second weapons situation this semester

BY ELISE COLCORD AND RYAN DEL CAMPO STAFF REPORTERS

Two GCSU freshmen were arrested Tuesday afternoon on charges of armed robbery. Justin McTiernan, 19, and David Jenkins, 18, allegedly devised and carried out a plan that resulted in McTiernan pulling a knife on a Parkhurst Hall resident, demanding drugs and money, according to a GCSU Public Safety report.

McTiernan and Jenkins al-

former "fling" of Jenkins in her residence hall room. The plot reportedly began when Jenkins asked the victim for help on some homework. After spending time in the victim's room, Jenkins sent a text message to Mc-Tiernan, who then knocked on the victim's door. She opened the door and a hooded figure with a knife approached her, according to the police report.

"It's a legal pocket knife — it's probably right at the legal limit," Assistant Vice President of Publegedly conspired to hold up a lic Safety Dave Groseclose said.

"It's enough of a knife that if someone was holding it at you, you would not feel comfortable. It's no Cub Scout knife."

A mass Connect-Ed text message and phone call was sent out at around 4:45 p.m. to all students, faculty and staff, alerting every phone number in the Connect-Ed database about a person with a weapon on campus.

"I mean that was the last thing I expected at around 4 o'clock, Groseclose said. "The day feels

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Gun-free resolution passes SGA

BY PRESTON SELLERS SENIOR REPORTER

After months of deliberation and differing opinions, GCSU appears to be headed for a gun-free campus. A resolution passed Student Government Association voting last week that would essentially declare campus to be a gun-free zone. Sophomore Sen. Jay Parker wrote the resolution and said he is proud of the steps the school is taking.

"As Georgia's public liberal arts university, we wanted to be the one to take that first step toward declaring our campus gun-free," Parker said. "Hopefully the other (University System of Georgia) schools will follow suit."

While other University System schools have been involved in discussions regarding guns on their campuses, it was Parker and GCSU that stepped up to the plate first. After Senate Bill 308 passed on March 24, giving the power to the state Board of Regents of the University System to regulate gun

possession on any of their properties, Parker spoke with GCSU students and faculty members, as well as representatives from other University System schools to hear opinions on the subject before piecing together the resolution.

SGA President Zach Mullins is in charge of preparing and sending the finalized resolution to Chancellor Errol B. Davis, essentially asking him to ensure that GCSU is one of the properties declared gun-free.

"I will draft the letter and send it to the Chancellor in the next few days," Mullins said Wednesday. "Once that's done, we will wait for confirmation that they have received it, and then after that, it's really on the board's timeline."

The letter will include a statement from SGA to the Chancellor to "make the necessary provisions ... to set forth regulations which shall outline (GCSU), all properties pertaining thereto, and all

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Smoking ban set to start June 1

BY MATT ROGERS SENIOR REPORTER

A new GCSU smoking policy — limiting smoking to only within certain designated smoking areas is set to go into effect June 1. The policy passed the University Senate on Nov. 30, however, time and preparation needed to take place before proceeding with the implementation of the policy.

"(The) Wellness Center wanted to offer classes before the non-smoking signs were posted," said Pete Shields, vice president for Business and Finance.

Shields said the university wanted to make sure there were available funds at the end of this fiscal year to implement this policy.

Setting up the areas, moving ash cans and educating the students, faculty and staff about the new policy takes time.

"It is easier to do this type of work around campus when it's not busy," Shields said.

Students and faculty participated in a poll from Aug. 29 to Oct. 29, 2009, with 63 percent said they were in approval of the smoking ban. The university took these results into account with a compromise.

'We think (the policy) will work out well (for the campus) and that is why we did designated smoking areas over a complete ban from smoking," Shields said.

Another possible problem was addressed if smoking were banned completely on GCSU campus.

"Public sidewalks would be trashy if campus was 100 percent as (cigarettes) were discarded (when entering campus)," Shields said.

Associate director of Auxiliary Services Greg Brown summed up the policy in one sentence. "Campus is a non-smoking area

unless a sign deems it as a designated smoking area," Brown said. The university hopes with the new

policy in place, incoming freshman will help alleviate the peer pressure of smoking.

"We hope for less social pressure for freshman to start smoking,' Shields said.

Some students don't appear to be surprised by the new policy since it seems to be a trend followed by some other public places in Georgia lately.

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GCSU women unite to Take Back the Night

BY ELISE COLCORD STAFF REPORTER

About 40 protesters and seven police escorts took over Street on Greene Thursday evening and began the Take Back the Night march to the old courthouse on the corner of Hancock and Wilkinson streets.

Empowering chants like, "Women unite, take back the night!" echoed throughout the streets and off buildings, making pedestrians stop and look on at the marchers.

April is national Sexual Assault Awareness Month. As a result, women and men from the campus

community marched

Milledthrough geville's streets to congregate at the old courthouse for a night of recognition and to tell their personal sto-

One in six women and one in 33 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime according to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest, National Network. Jennifer Graham,

Women's Resource Center and Diversity coordinator, has put on the event since 2005 and while it has covered a wide variety of abuse in years past, the focus has been narrowed for this year.

"We are staying true to what Take Back the

Night was created for and addressing sexual assault," Graham said.

protesters The loudly made their way to the courthouse and proceeded to prepare for the survivor speak out session. This year to start the speak out session, keynote speaker Kayleigh Irby, a survivor and junior at Mercer University in Macon spoke to the crowd.

"Two years ago I was violently and sexually assaulted in May 1, 2008. I remember every detail of that day, as any survivor does. I remember going to the museum that morning. I remember the knock on the door. I



DRAKE SIMONS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness and Occupational Safety Justin Gaines leads the Take Back the Night protestors from the reflection pool to the courthouse. At the courthouse, students shared their stories about sexual assault.

forever," Irby said. remember opening it and having my life changed dramatically

Reliving a sexual assault and telling

the story to someone

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Flashback



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Members of the senior baseball team pose for a picture during Field Day in 1930.

This month in Colonnade history.

The Georgia State College for Women first aired its radio show in April 1947. Although students could not listen along on their personal radios, they could visit room Arts 19 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. The Introduction to Radio class ran the radio show each morning. The miniature radio station consisted of a studio and a control room in which the students were able to gain practical experience on the radio. April 22, 1947

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In this week of 1967 the Wesley Foundation hosted a "local slave market" where students could buy other students to be their "slaves" for the day. The night following the auction, Wesley sponsored "a street dance to climax their first annual 'Slave Day,' "during which guests who had not participated in the auction could pay a small 50 cents fee to enter. The "emancipation of the slaves" was at 9 p.m. The Wesley Foundation today still hosts social gatherings weekly, such as Thursday Game Nights.

April 24, 1967
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Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available to be viewed on microfilm in the library.

Award-winning bands featured at RSA Finale

BY OLIVIA DOWD STAFF WRITER

GCSU campus residents were welcomed this past Thursday to the second annual Finale, a final bash hosted by the Resident Student Association. The before-summer celebration took place in the courtyard between Foundation and Parkhurst halls, and the students were invited to join the cookout and feast on free hotdogs and hamburgers, as well as a special treat of popcorn and cotton

"The Finale is open to everyone," said RSA president and junior Katie Dunn. "But targeted to residents within the

In fact, the students and residents could bring friends with them to enjoy free food and live music from 7 p.m. to

"We have three very talented bands lined up to play in the finale," said RSA Treasurer Eric Connolly prior to the event. "All of which performed at the Battle of the Bands a couple of weeks Blind Child, the blues-rock band that

won both audience and judge's choice awards at the Battle of the Bands, gave a highlight performance. NGP (Nice Guy Productions), the winners of the talent portion, and Murphin' Me also performed in the spotlight, contributing to the relaxed mood that pervaded the

courtyard. "(RSA) spent the last two weeks on final preparations and making sure that we had the funds needed for food, entertainment and other materials," Connolly

The Finale is meant as entertainment for residents, as well as opportunities for those who perform.

"We want to make sure that the bands that won the Battle of the Bands — because they are so good — get exposure,' Dunn said. "Because most of them live in the residence halls, it would be nice for their fellow residents to get to see

In addition to the performing bands, RSA members had hoped to include a drive-in feature of "Zombieland" at the event. However, due to booking issues, the movie was dropped from the pro-

Another highlight of the night was the revelation of the Thunder Cup winners and the awarding of the trophy after a year of competing with fellow residence halls. With eight different areas of competition, the winner is the hall that wins the most areas rather than the hall that has the most points. Wells Hall took home the trophy, beating out all other residence halls.

"It was a very close run," said RSA Vice President Justin Stubbs, who has been excitedly nursing the project all year. "Three halls were tied for first before I calculated the final area of competition, but after getting in the last numbers, one hall came out on top."

The Thunder Cup is reminiscent of Harry Potter's House Cup, but with cash

Overall, the evening appeared to be a success and RSA was able to promote the student bands, as well as their own organization and its projects like Thunder Cup, while encouraging student residents to participate and interact.

Delta Zeta hosts **Kicks for Caroline**

BY DRAKE SIMONS STAFF WRITER

Students gathered at West Campus on Sunday afternoon to remember GCSU student Caroline Bagwell. Her sorority sisters of Delta Zeta hosted the second Kicks for Caroline soccer tournament in her honor to help construct a memorial at Caroline's high school soccer field.

Bagwell passed away June 15, 2008, at the age of 19 after an automobile accident in Milledgeville. Bagwell had just completed her first year at GCSU, but she had already made a lot of friends. Senior Laurene Greene said she is happy to have known Bagwell.

"She was a beautiful person on the inside and out. Her perfect smile was contagious and she could always make me laugh. She lived life to the fullest and really enjoyed the people around her," Greene said.

Bagwell played soc-

cer at Habersham Central



Lauren Davidson / Staff Photographer

Students participate in a soccer game to raise money for a memorial for Carioline Bagwell. Bagwell was a GCSU student killed in a 2008 automobile accident in Milledgeville.

High School and grew up competing in the North Georgia Soccer Association, which decided to create a scholarship program in her name. Delta Zeta decided that a soccer tournament was a great way to remember Bagwell.

"I think she would be very happy with Kicks for Caroline. (Bagwell) loved soccer and she was good

at it. She was an incredibly talented person," Greene said.

The tournament was planned by Delta Zeta's Kelsi Cunningham and Michelle Burke. The preparation started in February and the event was planned to take place in March. The event had to be moved

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Great Books program focus of visiting lecture

BY AMANDA BODDY SENIOR REPORTER

Imagine being taught by Plato, Galileo or Shakespeare themselves. The Great Books program allows students to almost do that.

A lecture about the Great Books program, which is currently offered at universities such as Stanford University, St. John's University and Mercer University in Macon, was held April 14 in the Arts & Sciences Auditorium.

Senior political science major Caroline Rentz invited Mercer professor Dr. Will Jordan, Mercer graduate Nathan Edmondson and GCSU political science professor Dr. Jerry Herbel to provide the lecture on the program.

Rentz is attempting to create actions to implement the Great Books program in GĈSU's curriculum as a part of achieving the capstone of her leadership certification program. Rentz feels that the Great Books program would be beneficial due to her experience with high school and college courses that have had an emphasis on what are considered "great books."

Within the program, students read spe-

Where to find **Great Books programs**

□St. John's University

□ Auburn University

□University of Michigan □Kentucky State University

□Mercer University

□Stanford University

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

cific great books and engage in discussion while a professor designated for the course operates as a discussion facilitator. The classes operate then as a true seminar where the professors are present as supportive tutors to the participating stu-

The program can potentially replace a typical core curriculum schedule. As explained by Jordan, the program operates at Mercer in an eight-class schedule taking place over eight semesters and accounting for 24 hours. At Mercer, roughly 30 miles away from GCSU main campus in Milledgeville, 15 percent of the students

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Bridging technology gaps

New community center offers education, free flash drives at open house event

BY CLAIRE DYKES SENIOR REPORTER

In between the Campus Theatre and The Velvet Elvis in downtown Milledgeville iMac-lined walls. professional design software and willing instructors to teach it all - but typically not to students. Digital Bridges is building a technology-savvy community with Milledgeville locals and it invited students in Wednesday for an open house to tour its facil-

Working with the Twin Lakes public library, Department of Labor and the Chamber of Commerce, Digital Bridges looks to wane the unemployment rate around Milledgeville by teaching community members how to build an online resume, search the Internet for jobs, create an e-mail account and generally become more comput-

posal for a \$50,000 grant

that was used to buy 21

er literate. Since the opening of the center, Digital Brides has helped the local library, Twin Lakes, write a pro-

MacBook Pros, two Clear-Wire wireless Internet accounts, desktops, Flip camcorders, audio recorders and a scanner.

"We've had requests for (technology) classes for years," said Andrew Smith, Twin Lakes' network administrator. "We started with classes that seemed too advanced, so here at the library we offer the basics.'

Once students understand the basics of the computer, they can begin intermediate classes.

Twin Lakes now hosts Digital Bridge-run classes Tuesdays and Thursdays on basics such as how to navigate a computer and open a web browser.

"The largest demographic taking the classes are senior adults," Smith said.

"We knew we were going to lose jobs but we had no idea it was going to come as early as it did, said Director of Digital Bridges Heather Holder. "We weren't ready for (the) Rheem (plant) to close and we didn't know how to re-

place (the jobs).' After the closing of local

employers Rheem and the Youth Development Center, after December, Baldwin County's unemployment rate reached more than 14 percent, the worst it's been in 34 years.

"I'm in a position to empower people and to improve the local city," Holder said.

While students may not be the target audience center, a group of public relations students from GCSU is working with Digital Bridges to run outreach projects.

One group went to the Milledgeville Mall with MacBooks. They set up the program PhotoBooth, software that takes a picture and transforms it into different shapes and colors, for adults to introduce themselves to the technology. Andrea Lowery and Rachel Ledford, mass communication majors, were part of the group who set up the activity.

"We had about 70 people take pictures and we talked to probably about 80 people," Lowery said.

'Nothing has stopped her'

Blind GCSU senior prepares for May graduation

BY CHELSEA THOMAS SENIOR REPORTER

Senior ShaQuantaey Mack eagerly awaits graduation like many other GCSU students as she happily picks up her graduation gown. However, Mack is unique as she walks to class brushing cane across the sidewalk. She is legally blind and has made her way at GCSU for four years solely dependent on her trained senses of sound

At 14-years-old, Mack was diagnosed with bilateral indogenous endopthalmitis, a degenerative disease that quickly took away her sight. After attending Georgia Academy for the Blind in Macon, she decided to come to GCSU.

In middle school she

came to the campus for softball camps back when she played basketball and ran track as well. She knew she had liked the university environment and when it came time to chose a college she remembered GCSU. Now she is on track to graduate with two majors — sociology and criminal justice.

"When I first came to GCSU, I was so nervous," Mack said. "GCSU brought a mobility instructor in from Athens. He taught me the basics, like how to get to my classes, my dorm and the bus stop. I got lost a few times, but now I know it like the back of my hand."

Being a blind college student also requires special equipment and assistance. Mack said Mike Chambers, assistant director of Institutional Equity and Diversity for Disability Services, has been "more helpful than could have been imagined." He assists her by providing textbooks through Alternative Media Access Center (AMAC), a supplier of alternative media to post-secondary institutions in the University System of Georgia. She also has a specialized laptop with software that reads aloud electronic

Other than using this alternative media and sitting in the front rows in her classes to better focus, Mack insists she is just like other students. Yet she knows that many do not view it the same way.

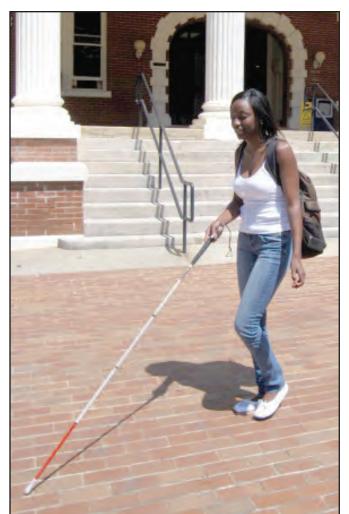
"People fear the unknown and often they like to assume before they know what's going on,

Mack said. "I want people to ask more questions and learn more about all disabilities, not just visual impairment. I guarantee nine out of 10 people walking by here will see that I have visual impairment and they fear what they don't know. I want more people to be more progressive and ask."

For Mack, her visual impairment is a fact of life, one that she accepted through faith and the encouragement of her greatgrandmother.

"(My great-grandmother) used to have this prayer on her refrigerator," Mack said. "Every day after I lost my sight she used to make me stand in front of it and she would read it. She told me anything was

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CHELSEA THOMAS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Senior ShaQuantaey Mack uses her cane to navigate around campus. Mack lost her sight due to indogenous endopthalmisits.

Subleasing provides escape, danger for moving students

BY MICHELLE BURKE STAFF WRITER

Summer subleasing of apartments is an ongoing trend for GCSU students living in various apartment complexes around campus who seek a way to get out of the typical 11-month lease. A sublease is an agreement to lease from one tenant — who already lives and pays rent in the apartment — to another tenant, who is looking to rent that apartment for a given amount of time.

Many students living in apartment complexes such as Magnolia Park, The Grove and The Bellamy have all taken to this trend in order to save money while they either go home for the summer or have made the decision to live somewhere else next year.

Those who don't wish to inhabit their cur-

rent place of residence for a variety of reasons reach out to other students who are taking classes during the summer that otherwise wouldn't have a place to live.

"I want to move into my house for next year while I'm not taking classes in May so that I'll have plenty of free time to move in," said Ashley Madden, a sophomore marketing major, about her attempt to sublease her current room in one of Magnolia Park's apartments. The original lease she agreed to goes through the end of July.

Offering almost \$100 under the typical monthly rent for a Magnolia Park apartment, Madden admits she hasn't had much luck.

'Unfortunately, I've found it pretty difficult to find someone who wants to sublease my

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Great Books

Continued from page 2 in the School of Liberal Arts are participating in the Great Books program.

Jordan, a major supporter of the program feels that the program is appropriate for a liberal arts education.

"Liberal teaching is the deliberate and intentional initiation of a pupil onto an inheritance of human intellectual achievement,' Jordan said.

He explained that intellectual achievement could happen through learning directly from scholars through their works. This includes reading books such as Homer's "The Iliad "or Darwin's "The Origin of Species" and having conversation with classmates as well as a knowledgeable professor in an appropriate field whose main purpose in the class is to facilitate learning through the use of the books.

Edmonson, a graduate of the Great Books program from Mercer and a current fiction writer who has recently published his first book about Greek mythology, offered his experience with the Great Books program as helping to encourage and inspire him as a writer.

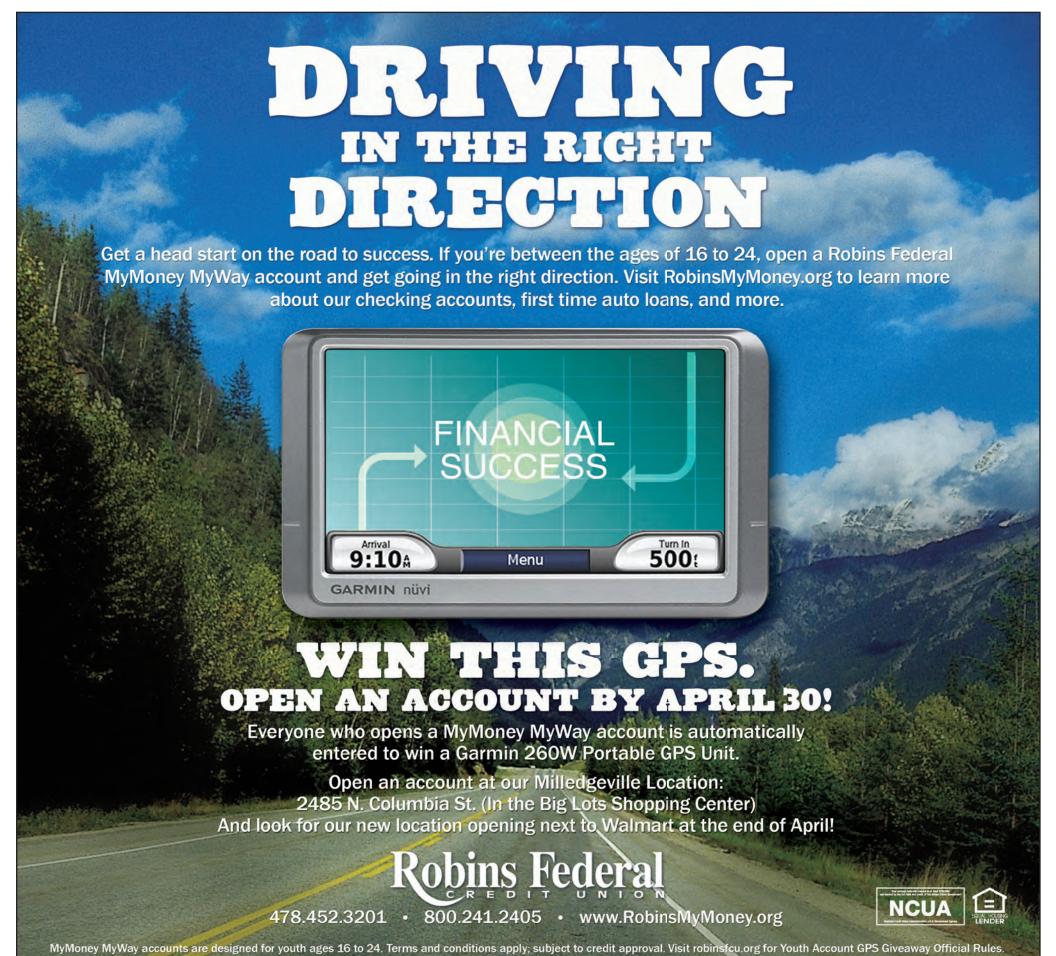
"You are just encour-

aged but compelled to talk and to be a teacher yourself," Edmonson said.

Although the Great Books program appears to have many benefits, it is unlikely that it will be implemented at GCSU any time soon.

"It would be extremely difficult to start up, but it is a fight worth having." Herbel said. "There is a way to do it if the collective will is strong enough."

Both professors agreed that including this program as an option in the curriculum would require more faculty as Jordan explained that "it is a worthwhile project, but very hard to sustain."



Jittery Joe's opening provides students with an alternative to Blackbird Coffee

BY REBECCA BURNS STAFF REPORTER

Milledgeville coffee aficionados experienced a new addition to their downtown coffee scene recently with the April 12 opening of Jittery Joe's in the Campus Theatre.

According to employee Caitlin Smith, a sophomore nursing major, Jittery Joe's experienced a rather "quiet opening".

The Athens-born coffee chain, however, did kick off by offering free drinks during its first three hours of opening and continues to offer discounts and deals on its Facebook fan page. And, so far the coffee seems to be passing the taste test compared to downtown competitor Blackbird Coffee.

"Actually I think (Jittery Joe's is) a little better (than Blackbird)," said junior Spanish major Rachel Ulloa. "I asked about the coffee beans and stuff, they have really specific coffee beans and roast-style coffee. It's pretty good cof-



COURTNEY KELLY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Junior Matt Nelson uses his computer at Jittery Joe's to study. The coffee shop opened April 12 in the Campus Theatre.

When it comes to choosing where to buy coffee, some students are more concerned with the atmosphere than the brew.

"I think that Jittery Joe's has a different vibe," Ulloa said. "I feel like to be at Blackbird you have to have a certain persona, if you will. ... I think Jittery Joe's is more welcoming to different types of people."

Some students, however,

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to the later date due to bad weather. Volunteers from the sorority stopped by local businesses for donations to be given to the winning teams or to be raffled off as prizes. Prizes included gift cards to Starbucks, Bodyplex, Chops, The Velvet Elvis, Metropolis Café and various nail and hair salons. Concessions were also donated by local businesses for the tournament.

Bad weather wasn't a problem the second time around as teams showed up to compete in the double elimination tournament.

"Once we got the new date all the teams showed up and they were enthusiastic," Burke said.

Teams could compete in the coed, men's and women's classes to win a gift card. Julia Newman played on a women's team, coed team and helped coach a men's team, all of which

"My roommates are Delta Zetas and that's how I got involved. It's a really good cause and they're really into it," Newman

Games lasted 20 minutes before going to penalty kicks if the teams were tied at the end of the game. The tournament was a 7-on-7 format.

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Blind GCSU student

Mack

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friends with her. She was always out here playing. I lived in the room under her freshman year and I could hear her kicking the soccer ball around upstairs," junior Jason McCloskey said.

The winner of the men's class was team Matt Holland. Coed was won by team Slick and the Cougars won the women's competition. The tournament ran smoothly and helped remember Caroline

"She left a lasting impression that will never go away, and for those of us who were blessed enough to know her and to be her friends will always carry her in our hearts," Greene said "We love and miss

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possible."

With this inspiration Mack came a long

way to where she is today. "The fact that (my great-grandmother)

believed in me did so much," Mack said. "I think that's how I made it out — my faith in God and my

Demonstrating independence, summer Mack studied abroad in Nigeria with

great grandmother."

a group of GCSU students and professors. She completed class credit and was able to experience another culture.

"I felt like I accomsomething," plished Mack said. "While we were there we met so many people missionaries and government officials. It was wonderful. I stepped out of my comfort zone."

Amazingly, Mack said fear is not a problem in her life. Rather, she trusts in herself to adjust and rationalize situations. She said sometimes she likes to get lost because she can find out more about her surroundings.

The main way Mack moves around campus is dependent on sensory methods that others often overlook. She recognizes locations on campus based on the texture of the sidewalks against her cane or the sounds of traffic, people or the distance

from the Arts & Sciences Fountain. While at GCSU Mack also helped instigate the start up of A.B.L.E., Advoca-

cy Beyond Limitations = Empowerment. Now the director of programs, she is responsible for planning monthly events on campus focusing on disability awareness.

While graduation impends in the near distance, Mack excitedly looks toward the future. Ideally she wants to manage her own business or be a transitioning counselor to help others. She might even get a master's degree in social work.

Chambers believes Mack, who some endearingly call "Taey," has been a prime example of all the achievements that are possible for those who have disabilities on campus.

"(Taey) has had to overcome a lot of obstacles to get to achieve what she has achieved," Chambers said. "She has done it with a remarkable attitude along the way. She is really an inspiration to other students, faculty and staff who have gotten to know her be-

cause she has basically taken the attitude all along that she won't let anything get in her way. Nothing has stopped her.'

While Mack is one of six visually impaired students on campus, there are nearly 220 students currently documented with disabilities, according to GCSU Disability Services. However, most of them have "hidden disabilities" such as psychological disorders, brain trauma and learning disabilities.

Mack said she doesn't let her disability limit or define her. One day she looks forward to once again leaving America and exploring Italy or Spain, but for now, she is preparing to graduate from GCSU.

Sublease

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apartment," Madden said. "I've been advertising it since the beginning of March and still haven't found anyone."

While Madden said she hasn't had much success finding anyone to sublease her apartment, there appear to be plenty of upcoming sophomores who are searching for a place to live while taking Maymester courses this summer.

Freshman pre-nursing major Megan Zefting said using Facebook helped her find a place to live this May after she has to move out of GCSU's residence halls.

"I posted an inquiry on my status about looking for a sublease during the month of May, and on the same day one of my sorority sisters contacted me saying that I could sublease her apartment," Zefting

Many students looking to sublease have already signed new contracts with either other apartment complexes or houses in the nearby area. With the end of the semester approaching quickly, students who have yet to find someone willing to sublease can be nervous about how they will deal with the added cost of paying for two residences.

Sophomore nursing major Michelle Dinser is currently bound to two leases: one at The Bellamy, where she currently lives, and one with a house where she will be living next year.

"My leases overlap, so for May, June and July, I could potentially be paying two separate rents if I can't find some-

Subleasing guide

your rental agreement.

■ Check with your landlord □Make sure subleasing is allowed in

■ Advertise early

□Target upcoming sophomores who are leaving university housing and students taking summer classes.

Utilize Facebook, the GCSU student sale e-mail, classified ads and word of mouth.

■ Get the signature

Be sure you have the proper legal forms signed by the new tenants.

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

one to sublease my apartment at The Bellamy," Dinser said.

When she signed the lease with The Bellamy at the beginning of last year, Dinser said she thought it would be much easier to find somebody to sublease throughout the summer.

"Be careful about signing a 11-month lease without thinking about it first," Dinser said. "Or else you might find yourself in a similar predicament."

Whether it be for the good, bad or the ugly, subleasing is just another way that students seek to be thrifty. Regardless of their individual reasons, GCSU students look to save money and avoid the cost of abiding by their leases as they search for other students willing to sublease their apartments.

Smoking

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"I guess it was inevitable because a lot of public places (are restricting smoking)," freshman rhetoric major McCray West said. "But (this policy) doesn't bother me personally."

Some students adamantly oppose the new smoking policy.

"I think its stupid. We are old enough to make adult decisions," sophomore education major Spencer Norris said. "We're not blowing it in your face. It's not like we're smoking indoors. We're in the open air."

The areas that have been designated

To view the designated smoking areas effective as of June 1 visit www.gcsunade.com

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

for smoking are not set in stone. If some areas are not utilized to their full potential, or if there are areas that would be more appropriate for a designated area, the university is willing to be flexible.

"Like any plan, it will be changed over time," Shields said.

Classifieds

FOR RENT

138 Old Williamsburg Rd. 3 Br/1 Bath \$600 per month, \$600 deposit Pets: \$200 Non-refundable deposit

100 Lakeside Dr. 3 Br/2 Bath + den\$1,000 per month \$1,000 deposit Central H/A, Outside pets only

Call Don Braxley 478-452-3126

GRADUATION TICKETS

Desperately needing 2 tickets to the GCSU graduation exercise for Saturday morning, May 8th. Please help! Call 770-349-9696 Leave a message if you can help

FOR RENT

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Students, professor start rhetoric club

BY DANIELLE PALUGA STAFF WRITER

A new club on campus — the Rhetoric Club — aims to provide students with a place to practice their public speaking skills. An organizational meeting for the club was held this past Thursday.

Rhetoric major Kaytie Bird created the club in which all students are welcome whether or not they are involved in the rhetoric department.

Bird got the idea to start the club after she selected the major a year ago.

"When I joined there was no club or organization for me to meet people or

grow as a public speaker," Bird said.

She had hoped someone would come up with the idea for the club, but she realized that she would have to take matters into her own hands. Bird and assistant professor of rhetoric Dr. Mark Vail decided to start the club on their own.

"We want a place that would allow students to share ideas, practice speeches and presentations while receiving peer feedback, attend public lectures, etc," Vail said.

Vail was excited about the club being "of the students, by the students, and for the students" so attendees can expect lots of practice with their rhetoric skills.

Bird said that they are still working on becoming a Registered Student Organization, but next year they hope to be a full-fledged club.

Junior rhetoric major junior Patricia Frederickson is helping Bird generate interest in the club by creating a Facebook group to help spread the word.

"I think the club is a good idea because we've never had one before and we are a small department. Campus representation would be nice," Frederickson said.

Frederickson said she feels that it will be a good forum for students to practice speeches. She also mentioned that she wants the club to be somewhere where freshman in core classes can come and practice presentations and get feedback from more experienced upperclassmen.

Dr. Amy Burt, associate professor of rhetoric, said the club will be beneficial to students within the rhetoric major and those who are not.

"Like many other discipline-specific clubs on campus this one will give students a place to discuss graduate schools and hear from former majors in terms of what they are doing now," Burt said.

This club will also be a place where freshman can ask questions about the classes they will have to take as a rhetoric major or minor.

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Gun

events and/or activities sanctioned by (GCSU) as school safety zones, on which the carrying of firearms shall not be allowed and shall furthermore be deemed intolerable and unlawful as to the rules and regulations set forth by the Office of the Chancellor himself."

Parker explained the process as "hurrying up to wait," not expecting a rapid response once the letter is sent, largely due to the fact that the Georgia House of Representatives is still in discussion/

deliberation over its substitution to Senate Bill 308.

"The Board is waiting to see what the House does, just to make sure everything follows through, and then they will have their own discussion process," Parker said.

The resolution references a "significant number of GCSU students, faculty, and staff" who have expressed "serious concern in regard to their levels of safety, comfort, and well-being" in allowing firearms to be legally carried on campus.

It also mentions international students who have shown concern over their educational environment, and a statement from the Women's Resource Center that "given the nature of the cases that it has seen and dealt with over the years, the carrying of concealed firearms on campus is something which their office vehemently opposes on the basis of past cases involving threats made against women."

Mullins views the issue from a safety standpoint, first and foremost, he said.

"This resolution maintains status quo," he said, "and keeps student safety as the number one priority."

Protest

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can be one of the hardest steps to take in the healing process. According to R.A.I.N.N., 60 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police and victims are six times more likely to suffer from posttraumatic stress disorder.

Sexual assault crimes can have a strong impact on the survivor, both physically and psychologically. The psychological healing process usually takes more time, but speaking about it to others can often help the victim heal.

"It's like you put Neosporin on the cut to heal it so the bumps and bruises eventually go away. For your psyche, it's therapeutic and healing to speak out," Irby said.

After Irby's speech, the open mic, survivor speakout session began. With a crowd of a little over 40 attendees, the stories of survival were told to the audience, letting them know they are not alone and in each message the speakers pointed out that speaking out is crucial to healing and acknowledging this type of crime's severity.

"We are always told you aren't supposed to talk about these things in public and I think that's one of the reasons why people don't really feel the need to come to these events," senior Meghan Fleming said. "They're thinking, 'this is going to make me feel uncomfortable'—Yes it is, but we have to speak out and once you do it opens so many doors to start the healing process."

Over 20 speakers came up to the mic, spoke in



Drake Simons / Senior Photographer

Protesters carried their home-made signs on their way to the courthouse to see keynote speaker Kayleigh Irby on March 15.

a candid, emotionally-charged way; laying their raw feelings on the crowd, anger, sadness, awareness, support, but most of all a sense of strength.

"This year has been a very impactful year for our campus and I hope that we, as a campus, are able to gather together and shoe the community and whomever else, that we don't stand for sexual violence on our campus," Graham said. "Each year presents an opportunity for those women to have some healing—show that their campus supports them."

In lieu of the past month's events Assistant Vice President for Pubic Safety Dave Groseclose realizes that silence is not the answer.

"As bad as the Roethlisberger situation is/was,(Take Back the Night) also brings to light an awareness in the community and across our campus. Anything that brings the public's attention to

domestic violence, or violence against women," Groseclose said.

This rally offers for some the first steps toward healing for survivors.

Take Rock the Night

Take Back the Night offers an environment to learn how to speak out, to take control of their situation and to know that it is not their fault.

"It's my third time attending but my first time speaking. It's not as scary as I thought it would be because you realize these people here are not judging you but supporting you in a loving environment. Over time it becomes easier to identify and speak as a survivor. Speaking helps make accepting easier," senior Andrea Judy said.

Senior Jessica Baker attends this rally each year speaking for her sister and realizes there is only one way to let this issue be known to the community.

"Silence is still agreement, and we are here rallying to end it!"

Coffee

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describe Jittery Joe's as corporate, whereas Blackbird fosters personal bonds.

"I've been coming (to Blackbird) for four years and I think it probably has a better atmosphere. ... It offers familiar faces and more sense of community," Zach Elliot, a senior fine arts major, said.

The two coffee shops certainly boast two different moods and some students find Jittery Joe's better suited as a place to concentrate rather than socialize.

"For me, well, I need a place to work. ... It's a lot quieter here and the music's not pumped up as much," graduate student Amy Nix said.

Some students said they don't think the opening of Jittery Joe's will affect downtown coffee business much.

"I haven't been to Jittery Joe's, but I don't really think it's going to affect Blackbird at all," said Lara Whitley a sophomore management and museum studies major. "I was here this morning and every seat was taken and there was a line."

Sara Allen, a sophomore nursing major, speculated about which coffee shop upcoming freshmen will chose to give their business to

"If they're more city and they already have a Jittery Joe's, than they are more likely to go over there," Allen said. "But if they already know people here (in Milledgeville), those people already go to Blackbird."

Incident

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like it's almost over and then all of the sudden it's just the beginning. The messages went out fairly quickly on Connect-Ed, and I know the first one was very alarming because it was so abrupt. But we needed to get something out quickly and I think we followed up fairly quickly with some back-up information."

The follow up Connect-Ed text message detailed that the incident occurred at Parkhurst Hall and involved a knife, suggesting that students remain safely indoors.

According to the Public Safety report, after committing the robbery McTiernan slipped away on a shuttle bus at the Centennial Center, which dropped him off at the Maxwell Student Union building. Once inside the dining hall, McTiernan disposed of his incriminating evidence in various places throughout the building. The only thing he did not get rid of was the mask he used to cover his face from the victim, the report states

While McTiernan was fleeing, the Pub-

lic Safety dispatcher was able to obtain his cell phone number. Major Joe Grant called McTiernan and was informed that he was at MSU. McTiernan told Grant initially that he had been in the library all afternoon and had not been to Parkhurst. Grant and Sgt. Greg Williams found

McTiernan in front of Sodexo, and performed a search of his backpack. Upon finding the mask used in the robbery, Grant and Williams arrested McTiernan at the MSU dining hall and brought him back to Parkhurst.

complice. The suspect was frisked and the officer found another knife that was

approximately six inches long.

"I think at some point, both of (the suspects) knew that they were caught. Both were very cooperative when the detectives talked to him," Williams said.

Both suspects were arrested within 30 minutes and taken to the Baldwin County jail. They will most likely have a bond hearing sometime this week, according to officials.

"In the state of Georgia, we have a law about conspiracy to commit armed robbery," Williams said. "So basically since they were both conspired to commit the robbery together and planned it out, they were both charged with armed robbery."

If convicted on these charges in a Georgia court the suspects could serve a minimum sentence of 10-20 years.

Though the Milledgeville Police Department and the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office aided Public Safety in securing Parkhurst Hall during the situation, the campus police were able to quickly and efficiently handle the investigation and arrests.

"Our officers responded appropriately," Williams said. "The time in between when we received the first call and when we arrested (McTiernan) was about 15 minutes."

In the academic sense, Groseclose notes

the uncertainty of the two suspects futures until they go before the judicial board of GCSU to determine their fate, but one precaution is certain.

"We are going to trespass them from

campus, which would make it difficult for them to come back to school," Groseclose said.

Trespassing a student means they are

Following McTiernan's arrest, officer
Brian English arrested McTiernan's ac-



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The opinion of The Colonnade staff

Hefty funds for 'Campus Life leaves RSOs wanting more

According to the latest report on funding from the Student Activities Budget Committee on April 2, Campus Life organizations, plus the Student Government Association, The GIVE Center and CAB, receive 65 percent of funds, while Registered Student Organizations and other student groups are allocated just 25 percent, with 10 percent held aside in reserve.

We at The Colonnade feel that there is an imbalance here. A large number of GCSU students participate in and create student groups each semester, but are unable to get off the ground due to monetary restrictions. While it is certainly true that a larger number of students participate in intramurals and Greek life, both covered under Campus Life, each of these programs already receives additional out-of-pocket funding from students for various activities.

The idea behind student organizations is that students with common interests can join together and receive financial support from their school to follow these passions. With a tight budget for such organizations, students are less likely to feel motivated to get these organizations together, feeling squeezed out by larger, more traditional student groups.

As Georgia's public liberal arts university, GCSU owes its students every opportunity to express themselves, especially in the kind of environment that can be provided by a club where they can discuss, develop and pursue their interests.

For example, the hockey club team was forced to raise money for trips to tournaments through fundraising events such as their "grocery bagging day" this past November. If a club sports team has to constantly worry about money, it takes away from its ability to compete against quality competition, and makes it tougher to attract new talent — two of the most important aspects of any team getting better.

Perhaps the solution can be found by taking a cue from the federal government. Some sort of stimulus plan could be created for students to create new organizations, providing a set amount of money to new groups approved by SABC. This start-up money would provide the incentive for students to come together and get recognized, with the potential for increased funding in the future. In this way, more GCSU students would get out of their rooms and get involved on campus, make more friends with people who have similar interests, and feel like a more vital part of their school community, all while seeing their student fees come back to help them.

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Oh, you've too kind! Independent Satire by Ian Bridgeforth

Political Apathy Majority of Americans

Political enthusiasm half-hearted in US

Last Saturday on TV One, CNN contributor and host of TV One's Washington Watch, Roland Martin, moderated a live TV special called "Measuring The Movement." It was an event designed to not only talk about the issues in the African-American community, but what steps are African-Americans going to commit to, in order to fix these issues.

At one point during the event, Martin asked the audience how many of them supported the president during his 2008 campaign for election. Almost all of the hands in the audience went up, and there were cheers and applause all around. The next question he asked was, how many of them attended a health care town hall last year. About one third of the audience raised their hands and the level of enthusiasm had dropped significantly.

The thing that bothered me the



most when I saw this was not that these people had been apathetic about health care, it was the fact that what I saw on TV was a small snapshot of a much larger problem we have in this country. Why is it that we only care about politics and public policy issues when election time comes around?

Millions of people every week will tune into all types of silly reality shows, but how many of them take time out to watch a daily White House press briefing or a floor debate in the Senate? Furthermore, which of the above could impact their lives in years to come? I don't expect people to watch channels like C-SPAN all day but

there is no reason why people don't have a basic knowledge of what goes on in their government. When I tell that to people, many will say, "Well, it's so boring to watch that stuff."

The decisions these politicians are making have the ability change every single thing we do in this country. To say that having a knowledge of these issues is boring, is honestly, a little ignorant. People from around the world can tell us everything about our nation's laws and public policy issues, but if you ask someone in America to describe something as simple as the 19th Amendment, most likely they wouldn't be able to tell you. Like I said before, I'm not asking everyone to know everything about every single issue. That's not realistic. But what I do ask is to at least have some basic knowledge of what is going on in our government and how it operates.

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Significance of Tea Party movement, part 2

The Tea Party movement has attracted attention of late because of its number of followers and the coverage afforded to it by cable news stations. However, the actions encouraged by the movement do not correspond with the flowing rhetoric that invokes the memories of our patriot forefathers.

Ideally, the Tea Party protesters would be properly educated and organized into effective actions, such as civil disobedience, in light of the outrageously undemocratic bailout of the failing financial institutions. Unsurprisingly, these are the very same banks that backed President Barack Obama during his campaign. Instead, the answers given at Tea Party rallies, and from rightwing mouthpieces such as Glenn Beck, do nothing to alleviate the crisis by hiding the real culprits.

The problem, insists Beck and more or less every right-wing talk show host I've listened to, lies with the liberals in charge of the corporations and media who actively work to take your hard-earned



MICHAEL RUSSELL

money away to frivolously spend on immigrants, a doomed health care bill, ungrateful minorities, gays, and "socialist" policy. Unsurprisingly, apparently anything is suspect to the omnipotent Beck except the enormously disproportionate "defense" budget along with drastic reductions to social spending which has the odd consequence of lowering the standard of living for a majority of Americans.

Again this remains unsurprising, given that former-NBC proprietor General Electric was winning lucrative government contracts for jet engines while producing media content, though not as brazenly right-wing as the modern Fox News. I only single out Fox because of its overt preference for

extreme right-wing opinions. CNN, MSNBC, ABC and CBS all have a history of similarly consistent distortions of the news, especially when demonizing unions, and labor in general, for perfectly good capitalist reasons.

In brief, the Tea Party movement only underscores the desperate need in this country for a more powerful organizing structure, like the unions of old, which would work for the benefit of the disposed themselves. No corporate-sponsored movement could ever satisfy the public demand for justice, seeing as they (the corporations) are in fact the problem. As for myself, I see the current spite directed at the Obama administration as a way of displacing frustration caused by the inherently unfair state-capitalist system with the usual "big government" rhetoric, though I do not expect Beck to call for a check in Pentagon funding or complain too hard against Bush-era tax cuts that benefit the wealthy.

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Letters to the Editor

Growing classes could expand the arts, athletics

Dear Editor,

In response to "Bigger classes hit GCSU in fall" (April 9), I think this is a great idea. I am all for small class sizes and getting to know my professors, but there is definitely room for "efficiency" in core classes. While I appreciate getting a liberal arts education, I don't think I'll need to know much about the history of theater with an early childhood education career and wouldn't mind sharing my class with a few more people. Major classes, however, are vital to a student's success in the real world and need to be kept as small as

possible to allow students to get everything out of a class that he or she needs to. When the numbers of students in major classes start growing at this rate, it's time to rearrange the budget and hire more teachers. I love that GCSU is small, but maybe expanding a little could be good for some things like athletics and art programs. It will allow more competition for acceptance and, therefore, make programs and athletic teams more competitive and prestigious which is always a good thing.

-Katherine Elizabeth Breitenbach

Less stress for registration thanks to bigger classes

Dear Editor,

This is a response to the article "Bigger classes hit GCSU in fall" (April 9). I just want to offer my perspective on the topic. I feel that larger classes are necessary because when I was a freshman I was an undecided major and could only take core classes. Everyone knows how frustrating registration is, but imagine your first time staying up until 5 a.m. to register and you don't get into any of the classes you need because they are all full. It only makes sense to have the core classes be larger in size. If everyone

in the school has got to take them, then why do they have so few seats available? Nobody wants to take these classes as a senior, and that is what is happening now because people cannot get into the classes they need because of them being full. By raising the number of open seats from 70 to 160 it will have a great affect on students here at GCSU. Small classes are great for major-based classes, but for core classes that everyone takes, a large class is more logical and will be more beneficial to the university.

—Robert Dunn

Sodexo to-go, a better solution than expensive remodel

Dear Editor,

Just yesterday I got a look at the new and improved Hoke Dining Room. After picking up the newspaper and flipping through to the story titled "Dining room gets facelift" I was appalled at the amount of money it took to barely alter the appearance of one room. While it does look brighter, I honestly don't understand why, with massive budget cuts affecting our access to knowledge, this school spends \$15,000 on a room the size of two dorm rooms. Yes, the dinning

hall does need updating. Sometimes I stand in line for 20 minutes and seating fills up fast. So maybe the dinning hall should try a new tactic, such as making food items to go. This would alleviate the need for money spent on new seating. Then students can sit outside or take food home if they so choose. Most other universities do this, why can't we? It just makes too much sense. We sure pay enough.

—Gretchen Korb

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"How do you think GCSU handled the Ben Roethlisberger situation?"



"They handled it very well, sending out e-mails, notices and so forth, and they kept it to the parties it affected."

Michael Mankin, junior, art major

"I think they handled it ok, but at some points the media was overwhelming. It seemed like at every street corner there was press looking or students to question about the situation."



Sam Carroll, sophomore, psychology major



"I feel like they could have done a better job with the privacy of it, but I did appreciate that they did increase security around the school."

Erin Schubach, sophomore, English major

"The most the school has talked about it was on the website, and all they said was not talking about it. That is the most they could have done without making a fuss about it, but making a firm statement."



Cara Powell, freshman, pre-engineering major



"They handled it pretty well because after that downtown was on lockdown. I wish they had done more to help the girl out. I appreciate how they didn't announce who she was or anything, they kept her privacy in consideration."

Andy Johnson, sophomore, business management major

Reported by Mandy Ellis

The Litter Box

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Am I the only one who catches whiffs of weed on the third floor of the library?

Happy 4/20!

GCSU Housing, if you advertise West Campus as a part of Main Campus then please get better communication between the two. In addition, just because I live on West Campus doesn't mean I don't see the Connected to Campus T-shirts we are suppose to get for signing up for housing, but haven't. Please work on this.

When there is a guy with a weapon on campus it'd be nice to have some direct news in the "all clear" e-mail rather than just a happy-go-lucky resume your day. Especially for the Parkhursteians who had the police knock on their door and tell them to stay locked in.

Dear irritated Litter Boxer/iPad Lover,

I believe that giving an opinion is a right that we all have, regardless of how much we know about a particular subject. Please don't negate the last four years of my life as an art major. I've worked very hard to learn how to write paragraphs about slashed up canvases and social commentary.

No Glove No Love sucks! They're the worst at sportsmanship ever. As for the umpires you're just as bad for not calling them on any of the crap they were saying.

Have you seen the T-shirts at Pig in a Pit? They have the original Atlanta Journal-Constitution article on Roethlisberger on the back and "Stay Classy Milledgeville" on the front.

I do believe there is poop water raining into the office.

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Beauty is in the eye of the herb-grower



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Above, visitors to Olive Forge peruse the herb garden, one of the only in the state. Left, owners Derryl and Marsha Herren opened Olive Forge in 1994 to provide herbs to Middle Georgia. Below, Leah Corley, a senior chemistry major, examines the wares at Olive Forge.



Local herb farm promotes organic alternatives

BY CLAIRE KERSEY

SENIOR REPORTER

estled behind the trees of Brown's Crossing Road lays the home of Marsha and Darryl Herren. The Herrens run the Olive Forge Herb Farm, one of the last remaining herb farms in Georgia. They grow herbs like rosemary, lavender, coriander and cilantro, and sell their wares in their two-room shop. A sign for the Still Room beckons visitors into the shop.

As soon as visitors enter the shop, the smell of herbs fills the air. The teas are the centerpiece of the main room. Flavors vary from cinnamon orange and lemon ginger, to chai and other blends. And the Herrens make all the herbal tea mixtures with the herbs they grow themselves. They also sell natural remedies for stings and bites, candles and work by local art-

"We just needed to stay well and that's what got us into growing herbs and using herbs," Marsha said.

In addition to the shop, the Herrens have made their property inviting for both humans and animals. Deer cross the narrow unpaved driveway, and a winding path leads to the door, lined with white hydrangeas and all types of flora and greenery. Their living room boasts a window where multiple bird feeders hang. Birds flock here, providing the Herrens and their visitors with a bird's-eye view of avian life. Even owls have perched in

sight of the window. The Herrens are the store's owners and sole employees, and greet every visitor as if they are not perfect strangers. The shop

area is two separate rooms and is attached

"We never know who's coming up the driveway. Everybody that comes is just another gift."

-Marsha Herren Co-owner of Olive Forge

to the Herrens' house. They have visitors young and old, some old friends, some new faces, and from all parts of middle

"I think that's our favorite part, getting to meet new people, seeing old friends. There's always a lot of new people." Marsha said. "We feel like it's such a gift, such a blessing. We never know who's coming up the driveway. Everybody that comes is just another gift.

Anyone can expect an offer of herbal tea like Rooibos African redbush tea, and cookies, such as their rolled oat cookies, with a sweet underlying flavor enhanced by the addition of coriander. They also make soft ginger cookies and lavender cookies, made with real lavender flow-

It is easy to be drawn into conversation with the Herrens. They readily talk about life, nature, a little of everything. Arts and crafts fiends can find common ground with Marsha, and scientific minds can talk about all the natural products they make, like their lemongrass-based natural

mosquito repellent. Although the Herrens are in touch with their natural surroundings, they still embrace technology. They have a Facebook

page to help them promote Olive Forge,

and visitors can join their e-mail list to

learn tidbits about herbs and nature. They

also enjoy visually documenting their en-

vironment. Darryl, in particular, is an avid

photographer.

"He wears the camera around his neck all the time. Darryl cuts the grass with the camera around his neck," Marsha said. "I'm thinking, 'Darryl, we paid more for that camera than the lawn mower.'

The Herrens were married in 1959, and moved to Cleveland, Ga. in 1964, to attend Truett-McConnell College, with their children in tow. After finishing junior college, they transferred to GCSU. Darryl was among some of the first men to graduate from GCSU.

They are both former social workers, which Marsha attributes to their ability to welcome complete strangers into their home. Darryl is also an ordained minister and is a self-described "independent contractor for the Holy Spirit.'

Their house was built in 1981. They started the business in 1994 after being asked to talk to various gardening clubs and horticultural groups about the herbs

"It was really hard back then to find any herbs, there were no herbs at nurseries and the natural things that we made, there were no shops around that made those

things, so that just led us into the business," Marsha said. They acquired the site for Olive Forge

in an unconventional way. They knew the

Brown's Crossing area because it was

formerly home to a craft show, an event

Marsha and Darryl both loved. We had never even seen this land. We saw an ad in the paper that there was land

for sale on Brown's Crossing Road. We knew the road, we knew the area, but we bought the land over the phone," Marsha said. "I didn't see it until days after we

When Marsha and Darryl first started growing herbs in the late 1970s, herbs weren't readily available in the area and they had to order them through the mail.

"Nobody grew herbs in this area, there were none to have. When we go through town now and see a rosemary in some-body's yard, we say 'That's because of us,'" Marsha said.

Olive Forge is a great place to visit for someone starting an herb garden. The Herrens are knowledgeable about what plants to grow and how best to do so.

"Grow the things you like, especially for cooking. The bulk of our sales are culinary herbs," Marsha said.

Marsha also gives suggestions for those interested in growing their own herbs. While most herbs grow nicely in the Georgia heat, some do not fare so well. As many herbs are originally from the Mediterranean region, they are used to heat, but the humidity is something they are not adapted to deal with. Herbs like a lot of sun, but they also require shade in the afternoons, especially in the hot Georgia summers.

Olive Forge is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, and is located at 161 Brown's Crossing Road. Visitors can stop by and spend an hour or two enjoying good food and tea, and socializing with good company.



From left, Environmental Science Club members Camille May, a junior early childhood education major, freshman pre-engineering major Cara Powell, junior English and environmental science major Kaoru Kobari, sophomore and outdoor education major Corey Bevier, and sophomore and environmental science major Hannah Sadowski sort through recycling materials collected during the recycling drive event Wednesday during Earthfest.

BY KATELYN HEBERT SENIOR REPORTER

Yesterday marked the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and students have shown their desire to protect the planet during Earthfest this week.

Events such as the Community Environmental Symposium, recycle drive, light bulb exchange and tree planting were held throughout the week leading up to Saturday's planned Earthfest activities featuring live bands, eco-friendly games, arts and crafts and much more.

Environmental Science Club advisor, Doug Oetter, has been working to promote Earthfest and is excited about the opportunities it brings.

"We are celebrating the earth," Oetter said. "We're celebrating the fact that we live on the most beautiful planet

This year's Earthfest will be the fourth one the Environmental Science Club has organized. In previous years other groups on campus have also gotten together to celebrate Earth Day. Earth Day was started by U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson on April 22, 1970, as an educational tool to encourage students to learn more about the planet. It then grew into a movement, as people wanted to start focusing more on the way they treated the Earth. Both Earth Day and Earth Week have grown in popularity since.

Oetter hopes Earthfest will help promote awareness and

encourage people to take action.

"We're still facing so much uncertainty about the future with regard to population growth, resource use, invasive species and diseases, not to mention climate change," Oetter said. "There are so many issues that we can't begin to fathom without a continued understanding and change of attitudes."

The first event featured at GCSU's Earthfest was Monday's Community Environmental Symposium.

The symposium featured a variety of speakers including local middle school students, waste hauling company representatives and local government officials, all looking to raise awareness of environmental preservation.

Junior and vice-president of the Environmental Science Club, Zachary Gilbert, helped with the planning of the symposium.

"An event like this is a great way for our local leaders to see the hard work that many of our students and community groups are doing in promoting environmental awareness," Gilbert said. "(Hopefully) in the future we may be able to work with them and perhaps bring Baldwin County to the forefront as a leader in environmental awareness."

The symposium also tried to show students, as well as the community, a variety of organizations that are striving to be environmentally conscious. Gilbert said he thinks this will be one of the most important events held during the

Junior biology major and Environmental Science Club member Matt Heath has also helped organize some of



the Earthfest events and hopes to see a large turnout.

"During the week of Earthfest, we hope to bring awareness to current environmental issues that are facing the world today," Heath said. "We will be providing information on ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle that has less of an impact on the environment."

Sponsored by the Environmental Science Club and SGA, Earthfest has taken months of hard work. The Environmental Science Club began planning in November, with many members, including Environmental Science Club president Jeff Brittain, starting to plan even earlier. Brittain has helped organize many events throughout the week, including Wednesday's Recycle Drive.

The recycling drive has been held multiple times over the course of the semester by the Environmental Club.

Wednesday also featured the Times Talk which is held weekly in Beeson Hall.

Thursday's events were the Light Bulb Exchange program, the tree planting on campus, and the showing of Ferngully in the A&S Auditorium.

With support from Plant Operations and the Georgia Power/Energy Star Change-A-Light effort, the bulb exchange program will provide student volunteers the chance to go around campus and replace light bulbs. A large number of compact florescent lightbulbs were donated by Georgia Power for the program.

Plant Operations is also donating their time to help plant trees around campus. Last year, one tree was planted behind Wells Hall but this year between 20-25 trees will be planted around campus.

Friday's events include a sell/swap/trade event in the residence halls and a river clean-up at The Greenway.

"These events are important because it gives the school an opportunity to realize that you can make a positive difference anywhere in the world," Brittain said. "Everything you do has an effect on the planet and the more



DRAKE SIMONS/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeff Brittain, right, a senior environmental science major, sorts plastic during the recycling drive along with fellow Environmental Science Club member Camille May.

conscious you are of the impact you make, the more likely you are to feel accountable for the decisions you make.'

Saturday's events will feature over 15 organizations talking about their goals, what they do to preserve the environment and how people can get involved. There will be a crafts and coloring contest, a drum circle and live music from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday concludes the Earthfest activities with a nature hike at Bartram Forest.

"I want people to walk away from Earthfest with a motivation to think about the way they live," Brittain said. "Not everyone needs to go out and buy a hybrid, become a vegan, and start preaching global warming, but there are sensible ways that individuals can 'green' their lives without a big hassle."

with it."

Recycling more than a trend for students

BY DANIELLE PALUGA STAFF WRITER

Every day landfills are filled with items that could be recycled, but there are students that are taking their own initiative to counteract this.

Bethany Abresch, a freshman nursing major, has bins set up in her room in Parkhurst Hall to collect recyclable

"After they stopped recycling regularly in Parkhurst, I would make a pile of my own and my friends (recyclables) to take home with me," Abresch said. This recycling program is now grow-

ing. Abresch plans on getting more bins to accommodate what she estimates to be about half of Parkhurst's residents' recy-"People usually just leave it outside of

my door and I sort it later. My suitemate gets a lot of her friends recycling from other dorms as well," Abresch said. According to Abresch, her passion for

recycling started in high school and she can't stand to see anything thrown away if she can do something about it.

Other students, like sophomore environmental science major Hannah Sadowski and freshman creative writing and political science major Sarah Crile, collect recycling in their own residence hall

Even though GCSU does not have an official recycling service, the Environ-



DANIELLE PALUGA/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Freshman nursing major Bethany Abresch shows off her organized method of recycling in her

residence hall. She estimates half of her hall and students from neighboring halls bring their recycling to her.

mental Science Club has white paper recycling bins in the Centennial Center, and various other buildings and departments

on Main Campus. President of the Environmental Science many different ways to recycle.

Club, junior Jeff Britain, said there are "A good tip is that just reusing items is

just as good as recycling," Brittain said.

"Empty margarine containers and some

sliced deli meat containers can be cleaned out and used as Tupperware. Get creative

Other organizations on campus, including Tri Beta and the Biological Honors Society, have set up bins in buildings like Herty for can and bottle recycling.

The Sustainability Council at GCSU is currently working on setting up a recycling program on campus and according to Dr. Doug Oetter it will be implemented over the summer.

The process has been an ongoing one, but currently the school is trying to get a contract with a waste management company so that they will pick up the recyclables when they pick up the trash.

Student volunteers who pick up the recycling bins in different buildings and bring it to a central location on campus

will run this. 'This will be a chore, but since we are a community we have to do certain things to keep our community going," Oetter

Oetter also hopes this will make students think about and examine all that they throw out and how this impacts the

According to Oetter, an easy way to reduce waste is not to drink bottled water, but to buy a reusable bottle for water.

"When you don't look at what you throw away you start living like King Louis XIV, and the world can't support people living like that anymore," Oetter said.

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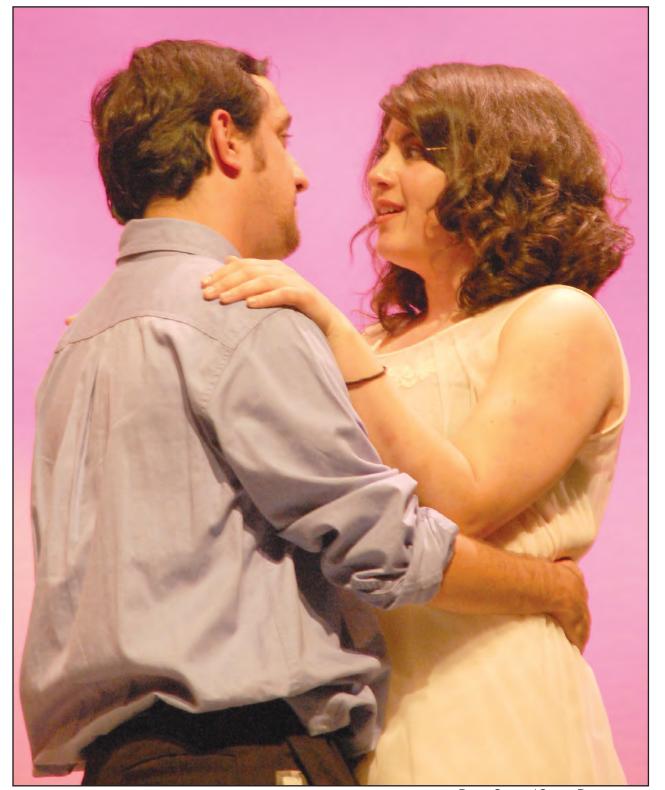
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Pato Dooley, played by Zane Wind, left, and Maureen Falon, played by Lauren Adel pursue a relationship in the play. However, Maureen's mother tries to thwart them.



Caroline Horlacher played Maureen's aging mother,
Mag Folan, in "The Beauty Queen of Leenane."
Horlacher spent much of the play in a rocking chair.



Drake Simons / Senior Photographer Maureen gives one of the last monologues of the play after killing her mother.

Age before beauty

Mother-daughter conflict driving force for 'The Beauty Queen of Leenane'

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN STAFF WRITER

The stage was set like an old fashioned living room with a rocking chair April 14 and 15 in Russell Auditorium for the play "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," a dark tragicomedy. The central theme is around an old Irish mother, Caroline Horlacher, trying to keep her daughter, Lauren Adel, from entering her last chance at a relationship. Elisha Hodgin, a senior theater major and director of the play, decided a year ago that she wanted to be a part of the play.

"I was told that it had to be an international play and I read about 10 different plays," Hodgin said. "I read another play by Martin McDonough and I liked his style, then I found this one and I loved it, I proposed it, and the Capstone directors said yes."

Hodgin actively took part in every aspect of the play, from the prop selections to arranging meetings with dialogue coaches to give the play an authentic Irish feel.

"The cast took to it really well; better than I thought they would," Hodgin said. "After the first two weeks we probably had the dialect down."

Accents were not the only change the actors had to adapt to. Caroline Horlacher, a senior theater major who played the aging mother Mag Falon in the play, said she found getting into character more demanding than she expected.

"It was really difficult staying bent over the whole time, but it was just a fun part. It was a little tiring, but it's worth it," Horlacher said.

In the play, Horlacher was either found sitting in her rocking chair asking favors of her middle-aged daughter or shuffling half bent over to confiscate her daughter's love letters while she was not looking.

Lauren Adel, a junior theater major who played the daughter Maureen Falon, and Zane Wind, a senior mass communication major who played Maureen's love interest Pato Dooley, said they were challenged much like Horlacher was.

"There were two big monologues done by Zane and Lauren," Horlacher said. "They both did a great job."

The final character, Ray Dooley, the brother of Pato, played by freshman theater major John Underwood, acted as the informant to the women of the outside world which led to many of the main plot turns of the play.

Destiny Andrews, a junior theater major, was the lighting designer for the play. She said she wanted to set a bleak tone in each scene.

"With this play it's very real, so you have to keep things realistic," Andrews said. "We are using LED, so the lights are so bright."

After four weeks of rehearsals full audiences honored the hard work of the directors and actors each

"You always want to do more and work on more, but I'm really happy with the work they have done in the time that we have," Hodgin said.

Actors, writers, producers beat the clock in the 24 Hour Plays

BY RACHEL MOLDOVAN
STAFF WRITER

Applause and laughter erupted from a rowdy audience at almost every line, quite a feat considering the plays were written less than 24 hours prior. "With the ink barely dry," six short plays brought energy to the world of theater.

The sixth annual 24 Hour Plays took place April 17 at 8 p.m. in Max Noah Recital Hall under leadership of producers Eric Griffis, David Muschell and Iona Pendergast.

The original works included "Wife Shop," by Angela Hall, "Something Very Small," by Nathan Tucker, "Earth 2010," by Jimmy Holder, "Dungeons, Dragons & a Vegan," by Evan Allgood, "Nocturnal Emissions," by Phill Maury and "The Homestead Players," by Marie Elliot.

Marie Elliot, author of "The Homestead Players," explained that the writers met the actors, who brought a prop and a costume piece, and using the pieces as inspiration, wrote all through the night. The plays then went through a workshop phase with the producers.

"I am an aspiring screenwriter, so I am reliant on knowing my words will change," Elliot said.

It was Elliot's third time writing for 24 Hour Plays and last year her original work, "The Man Gift," was published and has been produced in two cities.

I'm addicted to that collaboration — that's why I write in that genre — it is the only creative writing that transcends the page," Elliot said.

After the drafts were complete, the producers edited, casted and decided who would direct the plays. They worked all through the night and the next day, the stage and scene managers arrived as well as the six directors and 31 actors. Sleep deprivation was a common issue.

"It wasn't that bad until the morning," producer Eric Griffis said. "We were prepared for it to be difficult."

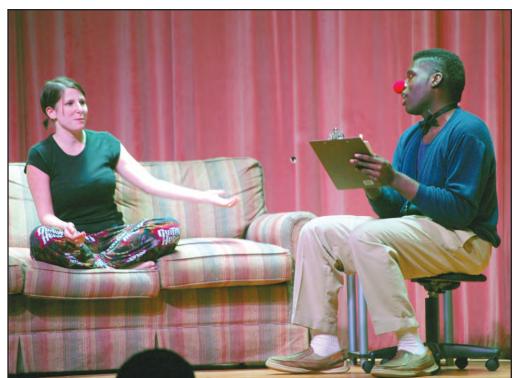
The actors and producers had to work hard and quickly to pull their plays together.

"The biggest challenge was learning lines and working with a random group on the spot," said Sean Corbett, an actor in one of the plays.

People from all majors were involved. Anyone could sign up to act or tech while directors had to apply. Working on a production in such an abbreviated amount of time can be intense, so directors must apply to show they are willing and able to handle the stress.

"Keeping the actors focused was a challenge," said Kate Laurens, a scene manager for the production.

With a full day of rehearing and designing technical aspects of each play, the writers saw their plays in full production that night at 8 p.m.



Bobby Gentry / Senior Photographer

Lisa Walraven, left, and Bren Thomas perform after only a day of rehearsal during the 24 Hour Plays. They were part of the play "Nocturnal Emissions," by Phill Maury.

"I look forward to the 24 Hour Plays," Elliot said. "The actors add so much depth to the words on the page; these characters are becoming real people and these real people are saying my words

with so much grace. Every year there are a few actors that stand out."

Laurens also explained that the un-

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Fraternities and sororities stroll it out for charity

BY GLORIA REYES
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU National Panhellenic Council sponsored a stroll-off competition April 12 to raise funds to support Haiti relief efforts.

A stroll-off is a display of different sororities and fraternities dancing and doing steps. Participants performed many times, doing different strolls and dances each time. Sometimes different members of the organizations would be added or removed from the step. In the end, the judging was done in a manner where the audience clapped and cheered for the organization that they thought was the best.

The winners of the event were the Nu Tau Chapter of the Delta Sigma Thetas, with a team of Anastasia Brown, Encka Beckom, Shondra Williams, Cabrik Harrison and Seleah Wynn.

In addition to Delta Sigma Theta, the organizations involved with the stroll-off included the Mu Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi consisting of Cody Blenman, Shaun Keaton, Alex Fain and Roderick Sylvester; the Mu Gamma Chapter of Al-

pha Phi Alpha including Marcus Green, Trey Scott, Jonathan Lamar, John Moss, Steven Witherspoon, Ned Adkins and Ajayi Monell, and the Eta Xi Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta including Natalie Powell, Cassandra White and Tameka Dean.

"A lot of time and practice went into planning the strolls and dances for the show and in the end was worth it because the crowd loved the show," said Cody Blenman, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

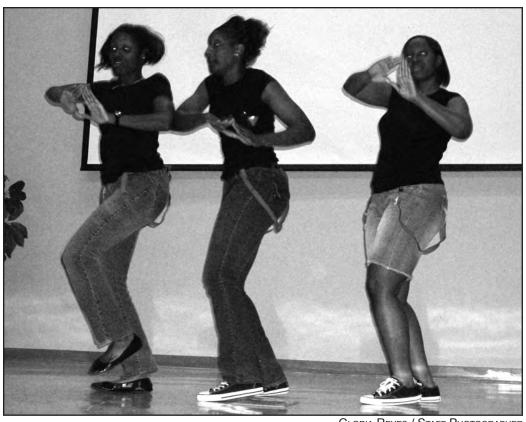
Overall there were many students that came out to support the stroll-off and many enjoyed the entertainment.

I loved the show and thought it was very entertaining, the sororities and fraternities of NPHC never fail to give a good show," freshman Alex Bell said.

Other students enjoyed the show, but wanted a little more.

"The show was entertaining but I would have liked to see some newer strolls and maybe something a little more interesting," sophomore Clyde Farrell said.

The total funds raised from this event totaled to \$33.10. President of Alpha Phi Alpha Marcus Green said: "It wasn't our goal but every little bit helps."



GLORIA REYES / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta dance in a stroll-off competition held April 12 in the A&S Auditorium. Delta Sigma Theta won the event.

Aubri Lanes hosts fashion show, displays spring looks

BY DANIELLE PALUGA STAFF WRITER

"Looking good is never easy," sang Jimmy James in his song "Fashionista" over the loud speakers at Aubri Lane's charity fashion show.

That lyric was certainly not true for the models wearing dresses from the French Vill'edge this past Tuesday, which went on at Parkhurst Hall despite an alleged incident involving a man with a knife.

The fashion show was a collaboration between the event coordinator at the restaurant, Traci Medders, and her husband Jason Medders who is the manager. They tapped into the talents of Christopher Macken, who has his own cosmetic company based out of Milledgeville, who acted as emcee, and Adeline Bramlett, the owner of the French Vill'edge.

"It was sad that we had 200 people RSVP and only a handful were able to show up because of that crazy guy with the knife," said Macken.

Despite the troubles the show continued after a slight delay and many Kappa Delta members were there to support their sisters in the fashion show

Susan Elizabeth Cordle, a Kappa Delta and education major, was excited about the show and won a makeover from Christopher Macken during the

"I was excited for the show because the proceeds from the tickets go to the philanthropy of the sorority with the most sis-



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Andrea Koontz, a junior in Kappa Delta, wears a white dress from the French Vill'edge during the fashion show held April 20. The models were all sorority sisters at GCSU.

ters there," Cordle said.

Hilary Lassetter, freshman and another Kappa Delta sister, said that the money, if they won, would go to their biggest charity this year Prevent Child Abuse America.

"I think the fashion show was a great idea. We get a chance to see our sisters in a fashion show and come out to Aubri Lanes. I've never been here before," said Amanda Jackson, Kappa Delta sister and freshman.

After some appetizers where eaten the fashion show began.

"I want the focus to be on the clothes," said Bramlett, who picked the clothes from her store.

The clothes were pretty summer dresses of all

styles. Flower print was the most popular style, but eyelet patterns were also seen. A popular trend for summer seems to be the exposed zipper, which definitely adds interest to the outfit. Summer shoes were also seen in styles like sandals and wedges.

Delta Zeta and mass communication major Michelle Burke was a model during the show. She wore a houndstooth dress.

"I was excited to be involved with the show. One of my sorority sisters is a server here and she sent out a message that they were looking for models. So we all went to the French Vill'edge to get fitted and see what style looked best on us," Burke said.

"It was chaotic, it was hectic, but it was impressive. It actually came together," Laurens said.

Overall, the 24 Hour Plays were a rewarding experience for the writers, producers, actors and the audience.

"The most rewarding was seeing it and having the au-

and having the audience respond in the way we wanted them to respond," Laurens said. "I always love it when people laugh."

There were a few lines the audience did not hear because there was so much laughter.

"Laughter was the most rewarding," Corbett said, "definitely laughter."

Artistic seniors show their hard work in Blackbridge

BY AMBERLEIA HENSON STAFF WRITER

On April 12 in Blackbridge Hall three art majors displayed their skills and passion through their senior shows.

Each painting had a design and theme of its own. In the room on the right two artists had their work displayed. One of the artists, senior Sarah Davis, used black and white underpainting of acrylic paints glazed with colored gel in order to create and amplify the moods in her paintings. The theme of Davis' show was titled "Branches," which captured the essence of family. She said that feeling a connection with those that came before her is very important and is somewhat of a spiritual responsibility.

"Her artwork was very relatable because I could see my family inside of hers. I could picture my great-great grandmother looking like a woman in one of her paintings and wearing what she had them wearing. It was a cool feeling," sophomore Lindsey Card

In the same room were the works of Tempestt Jackson. Her theme was titled "Ansley Women," which also made the connection of family but with a colorful streak. All of her paintings were of groups of women. She used brighter, more vibrant colors for the younger women and more subtle colors for the older women. With each piece the colors represent specific women.

"Coming from a family where the women accomplish many different things, I show the different aspects of each woman in my life from whom I have learned so much," Jackson said.

Surrounding each woman was a puzzle piece that represented their personalities as Jackson saw them. The different colors, shapes, and puzzles brought out the theme and characteristics that Jackson was trying to portray.



Mandy Ellis / Senior Photographer Tempestt Jackson stands next to a piece from her show, "Ansley Women." The show was on display in Blackbridge Hall last week.

In the room on the right, each of the four walls had three to four paintings on them. This was "Sentiment," the artwork of senior Halley Belcore.

"I really liked her frames," said senior Lauren NeSmith. "I liked that her paintings looked like comic strips and that there was somewhat of a consistent character that I could follow throughout."

The paintings were meant to make the viewer connect with his or her past because the viewers were meant to be able to hear the sounds and smell the aromas. Textures made the scenes more tangible. The places were familiar and were all something most people have experienced, such as smoking, reading and bathing.

"They are things that I love, and that remind me of people and places that are important to me," Belcore said.

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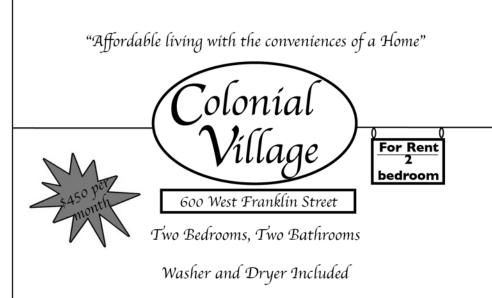
expected cannot be prepared for. In the middle of Nocturnal Emissions, actor Bren Thomas had a nosebleed.

"He handled it very well," Laurens said.

rens said.

Thomas improvised some dialogue about his bloody nose and later came on stage with a tampon shoved up his nostril. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the fresh joke in the play.

"I'm addicted to that collaboration—that's why I write in that genre—it is the only creative writing that transcends the page."
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'Avatar' departs from box office to shelves

DVD release commemorates Earth Day

BY CHRIS MOSKALY Reviewer

When I walked out of "Avatar" for the first time back in December, I have to admit that my initial reaction was highly conflicted. Between the tremendous upscale in SPFX and the extraordinary captivation of its atmosphere, the film still left an uncertain taste in my mouth. One that kept nagging me with familiar titles such as "Pocahontas," "Ferngully," and of course one of my all time favorites, "Dances With

We've already heard the story several times about a troubled protagonist who begins their journey on one side and then eventually ends up befriending the culture of the enemy. But never before have we seen it done with such a unique touch of sci-fi enthusiasm.

Set in the year 2054, "Avatar" follows a young paraplegic marine named Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) who is thrust into a special government project that takes him to a whole new world. This new world called Pandora harbors a very powerful mineral source which the people of Earth desperately need (did they ever say exactly why we need it?) and our only hope is to send in the Armed Forces. The inhabitants of Pandora (referred to as the Na'vi) pose no actual threat to our existence, but they still refuse to let these "strangers" invade

In an effort to penetrate the Na'vi guardianship, Jake and several others undergo an organic transformation that turns them into Avatars (Na'vi lookalikes). They look, see and feel just like the real Na'vis, and as they edge their way further into the clan, their loyalties will soon be questionable as the mercenaries grow increasingly impatient with the mission. Many of you have already seen the film, and even if you haven't, the rest of the story is still yours to learn when the DVD is released on April 22, in coordination with the celebration of Earth Day; a cool idea if I may say so my-

While the familiarity of the premise may have slightly crippled the film's overall integrity, I noticed over several viewings that there is still a great deal to appreciate and admire about the way "Avatar" amplifies some of its simplest points. For instance,

we already know before seeing the film that one of the Na'vi creatures (preferably a female) will have to save Jake's life; which is all the more reason to include a romantic connection between the two of them. As we saw in "Titanic" with the poor boy/ rich girl formula, James Cameron knows how to properly set these ideas in motion with little tidbits of detail. And because he allows both the human and the Na'vi personalities to gradually develop into actual characters, we have no trouble understanding and believing it when one of them proclaims, "I See You.'

And then of course you have the special effects. One of the many things I strongly object to are people who think that they can degrade quality by simply digesting the framework of a good picture. I know I try to always be generous with my opinion, but some critics think that if they can just explain how something looks so good, then it isn't really good. Using motion-capture technology to enhance the features of his actors, Cameron doesn't just make his Avatars look good, he makes everything look simply extraordinary. Whether it's the golden eyes of the Na'vi, the countless shades of blue in their skin, or the colorful environment that encircles each frame; for every moment of 165 minutes, 'Avatar' captivates the audience to the point at which we not only see Pandora in all its beautiful glory, but we become part of the experience as a whole.

After a few more trips in the closing months of its run for box-office glory, I was able to successfully set aside those other titles just enough to acknowledge what was still an extraordinary breakthrough for the digital era. Unfortunately more often than not, it is a curse for any filmmaker to sign on for a big budget. As we've seen with many comic book flops, good money can easily paralyze the potential for a great film. But Cameron is not one of those directors, and "Avatar" is not one of those films. No, this is a movie that cost almost \$300 million, and Cameron knew how to spend the money wisely. It wasn't the best film of the year, but to say that it qualified for "epic" would still be a grand understatement.

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Cello players Evan Sowa and Kim Gronroos perform at an orchestra concert April 12. The concert featured classical music from artists such as Bach and Vivaldi.

GCSU orchestra spotlights stellar strings players

BY DANIELLE PALUGA STAFF WRITER

The GCSU orchestra's spring concert featured not only the regular members, but some special guests as well.

GCSU's Performance Competition for Strings winners played solos during two of the songs at the

Fourteen-year-old Jeewon Chon was the winner last year in the middle school division. She was the first cellist to ever win. Her solo was during a more modern song called "After a Dream" by Ga-

briel Fauré. The winner from last year's high school divi-

sion was Jonathan Urizar, currently a freshman at Kennesaw State University. His violin solo was during Bach's Concerto No. 1. Director of the orches-

Daniel Kaplunas,

said that students come

piece in front of a panel of judges and they then award three prizes for each divi-

sometimes from neighbor-

ing states to compete.

"Competitors play a solo sion. Most of the winners are violinists and we've had a few viola players, but it was interesting this year because we had a cellist win," Kaplunas said.

Regular orchestra member Scott Zhang, a sophomore computer science major who has been playing the violin for five years, said his favorite piece was Albinoni's "Adagio."

In between pieces Kaplunas told a little about each one. Zhang's favor-

ite was written by a more modern composer named Giazotto who took the bass line from Albinoni.

"It touched my heart and the violin melody sounds very romantic and yet a little bit sorrowful, espe-

cially with the accompa-

niment of the organ. This

from all over the state and was the first time our orchestra had played with an

organ," Zhang said.
Other pieces performed were "Conzona," by Gioseffo Guami, which is a Renaissance piece that according to Kaplunas is a piece that doesn't get played often. The song fit in with the different assortment of musical periods that were featured in the concert.

Jessica Miller, a sophomore biology major, has experience with spring concerts. She was in the concert band last year and played the flute. She also played with the orchestra in a combined winter concert last winter.

"I had never been to a concert and sat in the audience before. It was good. I liked it," Miller said.

Her favorite piece was Vivaldi's "Concerto Madrigalesco" and her least favorite was the Bach piece because, "I just don't like Bach," she said. Friday, April 23, 2010

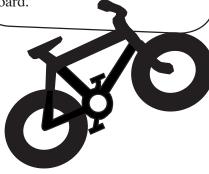
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Public Safety Report

Wobbling biker

According to a Public Safety report, April 16 at approximately 2:22 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom was advised that there was a man on a bicycle who appeared to be extremely intoxicated. The person had fallen over several times while attempting to ride. Contact was made with a male who was under the influence of alcohol and under 21 years of age. When given a breathalyzer test, he registered .225. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol. The bike was secured to a light pole next to the Paw Prints Bookstore. The case will be turned over to the Student Judicial Board.



BOMBED AND **BELLIGERENT**

According to a Public Safety report, April 17 at approximately 1:01 a.m. officer Gary Purvis was driving by Velvet Elvis and heard a woman yelling and using profanity. He parked his patrol vehicle and observed the woman raise her hand as if she was going to slap the person she was yelling at. Contact was made with the female, who shouted at Purvis and had a poor attitude. When asked about what the problem was and if she had anything to drink, she became belligerent and raised her hand as if she was going to hit the officer. Other GCSU officers arrived on scene and she became belligerent with them, stating that she was not drunk and that they were making everything up. When given a breathalyzer test, she registered .175. Wilmer was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with being drunk in public. The female also continued to act belligerently and curse at the officers while at the jail. The case has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

Not cool ... cold

According to a Public Safety report, April 17 at approximately 2:35 a.m. officer Gary Purvis was dispatched to Magnolia Park Apartments in reference to a female making threats toward her roommate. Contact was made with the threatened roommate and it was determined that the fight was over the air conditioning temperature. The agressor supposedly banged on her roommate's door wanting to fight and stated that she would shoot her. Purvis banged on the other roommate's door, but she would not answer it. Statements were taken and the case turned over to investigations.

STEAL AND SPRINT

According to a Public Safety report, April 18 at approximately 1:32 p.m. Sgt. Hal Ennis was on his way to lunch when he heard a call by the Milledgeville Police Department in reference to a shoplifter running on a dirt trail behind Wendy's. Ennis spotted the female matching the description and made contact with her. She had a Belk shopping bag with several pairs of blue jeans with the tags still attached and could not provide a sales receipt. Milledgeville Police Department officers arrived on scene and arrested the female for shoplifting.

STEALING FROM HIMSELF

According to a Public Safety report, April 6, 2010 at approximately 2:26 a.m. officer Tron Smith was dispatched to North Columbia Street to a possible burglary in progress. Contact was made with a man who was attempting to break in to his own apartment by kicking in his window. While doing so, the male injured his leg and was seen by EMS. He refused treatment. No action was taken by GCSU Police.

Unresponsive

According to a Public Safety report, April 16 at approximately 11:08 p.m. officer Wesley Ransom heard over his scanner a call in reference to an unresponsive female at the College Station Apartments. Contact was made with a student, who stated she had a history of heart problems and had passed out while walking down the stairs. EMS responded and transported the student to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment.

CURSING CRETIN

According to a Public Safety report, April 17 at approximately 2:32 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a male walking at Wayne and Hancock streets yelling profanities. Contact was made with the male, who immediately got an attitude when asked what he was cursing and yelling about. He became more belligerent and refused to cooperate. He was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with drunk in public and disorderly conduct.

Hammered HOPPING

According to a Public Safety report, April 17 at approximately 8:59 p.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a male stumbling outside the Centennial Center and falling against the wall. Contact was made with a male who was 19 years of age and under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

STOLEN FROM SODEXO

According to a Public Safety report, April 19 at approximately 11:05 a.m. a female reported that two bottles of wine were missing from her office at Sodexo. Video surveillance tapes were reviewed and showed a male in the office and when he left the dining hall, he had a jacket and appeared to be concealing something. Contact was made with the male, who admitted to taking the bottles of wine. The case has been turned over to investigations.

IAPPENING

Friday, April 23 - Thursday, April 29

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10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Earthfest: Sell/Swap/Trade -All Campus Residence Halls

10 a.m. Internship Orientation -232 Lanier Hall

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Earthfest: River Clean up - The Greenway

Saturday, April 24

Earthfest Fair/Festival -11 a.m. Front Campus

5 p.m. Jazz Fest concert -

Front Campus

8 p.m. Dance Minor Spring Concert -Russell Auditorium

Sunday, April 25

2 p.m. Dance Minor Spring Concert -Russell Auditorium

Earthfest: Nature Hike -2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27

7:30 p.m. Music Theater Scenes -Max Noah Recital Hall

Thursday, April 29

7:30 p.m. Sound Sculptures 5: Electronic Music concert - Max Noah

Recital Hall

Bertram Forest

SHOTS FIRED

Please send calendar submissions to ryan.delcampo@gmail.com.

According to a Public Safety report, April 16 at approximately 3:57 p.m. Lt. Robert Butler, Sgt. Hal Ennis and officer Jamaal Hicks responded to an agency assist call by the Milledgeville Police Department in reference to shots fired at the Rocky Creek Apartments. Contact was made with two males. Investigations found bullet holes in the door and walls. Both subjects were arrested by the Milledgeville Police Department.

Couldn't HOLD IT

According to a Public Safety report, April 17 at approximately 1:15 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a male urinating on the side of Century Bank. Contact was made with a male, who was 18 years of age and under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

DARING DUO

According to a Public Safety report, April 15 at approximately 2:09 a.m. Sgt. Jeff Miller observed two males run and jump into some bushes in front of the old Courthouse. Contact was made with the males. Both subjects admitted to being drunk. The case has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.

CANNABIS AT WEST

According to

Public Safety report, April 15 at approximately 12:08 a.m. officer Tron Smith and Sgt. Jeff Miller were dispatched to The Village in reference to the smell of burning marijuana coming from a room. Contact was made with five males. There was a strong odor of marijuana in the apartment and upon searching the kitchen and living room area, smoking devices, empty pill bottles with the odor of marijuana and alcohol were found. The case has been turned over to the Student Judicial Board.



Don't drive, dude

According to a Public Safety report, April 12 at approximately 1:46 p.m. Sgt. Hal Ennis observed a vehicle on Hancock Street which matched the description of a vehicle wanted concerning a possible hit and run. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver, who stated he was just parking the truck for the owner of the vehicle. A background check found that the driver's license was suspended for a previous DUI. He was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with driving with a suspended license.

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'Cats run streak to four against VSU

Baseball sweeps Montevallo, avenges road loss to Blazers in four-win week



SAM HUNT / STAFF REPORTER

Senior center fielder Sean Harrell hits a line drive against Valdosta State during the Bobcats' 8-4 victory this past Wednesday. The win capped off a four-game win streak, which included a three-game sweep of Peach Belt Conference rival Montevallo this past weekend.

BY SAM HUNT STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team defeated Valdosta at home this past Wednesday and extended its winning streak to four games. The win avenged an 8-7 loss the Bobcats suffered on the road against the Blazers on Apr. 14.

The Bobcats took the lead in the second inning when an RBI from senior shortstop Chandler Snell gave them a 1-0 lead. In the third inning, the Blazers scored two runs but GCSU was quick to respond when senior rightfielder Shawn Ward smashed a three-run homer to left field and junior designated hitter Richard Pirkle's RBI to put the Bobcats ahead 5-2. Ward struck again in the fourth inning when he hit a solo homer to left, his second of the game and twelfth of the season, to give GCSU a 6-2

Valdosta hit a solo homer in the sixth, but the Bobcats scored two runs in the seventh when a two-RBI single from senior catcher Benton Yaun put Ward and senior first baseman Matt Pitts across home plate

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Favero resigns, heads home to Argentina

GCSU soccer coach departs to homeland, leaves behind success, talented squad

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU head soccer coach Juan Pablo Favero came to the United States 19 years ago as a studentathlete looking to make his mark. Four coaching stops later, including two years at GCSU, Favero has resigned and is heading to his homeland of Argentina. His resignation this past Monday was the second head coach resignation for the athletic department in the span of a week.

"There's definitely an element of sadness to it. I'm leaving behind some people I'm really close with," Favero said. "But it was the right decision for my family. I've always wanted a chance to go back home and this is a great opportunity for me."

Favero first came to the U.S. in 1991 as a player at Marist College in New York. He finished his collegiate playing career at Palm Beach Atlantic and then coached there for five seasons. two as head coach. Favero followed that with four seasons as the head coach of Missouri Baptist and five years at the helm of Newberry College. From there, he came to GCSU in 2008.

In two seasons under Favero, the Bobcats compiled a record of 23-9-9, good enough for the two best seasons in school history. The Bobcats earned their first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2008 and climbed to the No. 19 ranking in the NSCAA Division II poll. Favero also coached 16 all-conference players and the first All-American in school history in 2009, goalkeeper Mary Rob Plunkett.

"Juan has done an outstanding

job with this program, and he's done it with extremely high character and fantastic people around him," GCSU Athletic Director Wendell Staton said. "We're obviously very appreciative of everything he's done here and we wish him the best back in Argen-

Staton added that July 1 is the target date to have Favero's replacement.

"We'll do an internal assessment of the program and seek out someone who is going to continue to carry the program and help it sustain its current high level of play and success," he said.

Favero said he will be returning to Argentina, seeking a chance to utilize his education and other experiences from the

"I want to make a positive impact over there. I'll be doing a lot of counseling," Favero said. "I'll also be doing a lot of work with sports psychology, which is one of my biggest passions."

And Favero recently learned that he'll get an opportunity to coach some more, as he has accepted a position as a part-time assistant for a professional women's team in Argentina.

"It was an unexpected blessing. They're one of the top clubs over there," Favero said. "It's not a full-time thing, but it's a great opportunity to coach at that level. Obviously coaching is something that's still in my heart and always has been."

Favero leaves the GCSU program in great shape and moving in the right direction.

"There were some unfulfilled goals for me while I was here,



Former head soccer coach Juan Pablo Favero is shown making during halftime of a game. Favero's two seasons at GCSU were the most successful in school history.

but I think this team is certainly capable of achieving them in the years to come," he said. "I'll be supporting them all the way."

"I'm very thankful for the time I've spent (in the U.S.). It's been half my life basically," Favero added. "I've built relationships with coaches, administrators and most of all, the players. They've made a big impact on my life, and it's sad to leave them behind. I wish them nothing but the

THE SIDE INE



BY PRESTON SELLERS SPORTS EDITOR

Not that I enjoy writing about Ben Roethlisberger, but I try to focus on the big story in national sports in the Side Line. And for now, the fallout from the quarterback's suspension is No. 1 on the radar.

Both the NFL and the Pittsburgh Steelers should be commended for the way they have handled the situation. From the initial reports until Roethlisberger's recent suspension, the commissioner Roger Goodell and the Steelers front office have patiently waited to see what facts emerged, refusing to rush into any disciplinary action before the investigation was completed. And on the flip side, they also refused to stand beside him and prematurely clear his name.

Once the dust had settled (sort of), the NFL suspended Roethlisberger for six games to begin the 2010 season. Six games. That's nearly half the regular season. And completely appropriate. Six games should roughly be two months' worth of football missed, two months in which Roethlisberger can think about what he has done and what he should do next.

And speaking of what's next for the two-time Super Bowl champ, his future has never looked more uncertain. As of the writing of this column, the Steelers were rumored to be trying to trade the quarterback for a first-round draft pick in Thursday's NFL draft. Even if that has not played out by the time you're reading this, the team is likely to try to move him out of Pittsburgh at some point this season, to give both Roethlisberger and the franchise a fresh

Maybe a fresh start is exactly what he needs. Maybe he can change, given the opportunity to. But even if Roethlisberger winds up in a new city, wearing a new jersey, one thing is for certain: The legacy he has already left behind is one of the most disappointing for a young quarterback star in NFL history. Never has an athlete been given so much and been so reluctant to realize his role.

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Upcoming Sports

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April 23 1:30, 4:30 p.m. @N. Greenville April 28 6 p.m. Erskine

Quote *of the* **Week**

"You are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations

 NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to Ben Roethlisberger in his letter suspending the quarterback (ESPN.com).

Stat *of the* Week



Games which Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is suspended for at the start of the 2010 season.



Tennis squads can't get past Cougars in **PBC** tournament

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU tennis teams came up short in last week's Peach Belt Conference tournament in Jonesboro, as the men and women each fell to teams from Columbus State. The No. 30 Lady Bobcats dropped their match against the Lady Cougars, 5-1 in Friday's first-round action, while the Bobcats lost 5-0 to the Cougars in Saturday's second-round

Senior Diane Danna delivered the women's team its lone singles win, as the No. 48 singles player knocked off No. 22 Loriane Favoretto in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-1. Danna garnered a first-team singles selection to the all-conference team. GCSU fell 3-0 in doubles action. Danna and junior Bertille Lion, both from France, dropped their match, 8-1 at first doubles. The loss dropped the French pair to 12-10 on the season, good enough to earn them a second-team all-conference selection. Also at second doubles, freshmen Kayla Barksdale and Michelle Lingner fell 8-1. At No. 3 doubles, sophomore Adriana Acuna and freshman Linda Mosa were topped 8-0. The Bobcats finished their season at 11-11 overall with a 6-6

mark in the conference. The No. 14 men's team started off the tournament in winning fashion, topping No. 12 Lander for the second time in three days, 5-1 in Friday's first round match. Senior Joao Casagrande and sophomore Jerome Leborgne won an epic 9-8 battle over Levan Clark and Pierre Frances in first doubles, the third straight win for the duo. Sophomore Leo Bernardes and freshman Johan Wadstein won 8-6 at third doubles, while seniors Max Beliankou and Giovane Nucci fell 8-5 at second doubles.

The Bobcats got victories at No. 2, 3 and 5 singles to close out the victory. Wadstein won after leading 4-1 in the first set at second singles, when his opponent retired due to injury. Bernardes won 6-2, 6-1 in fifth singles, while No. 49 Beliankou clinched the win with a 6-2, 6-1 victory in third singles.

Things didn't go as well for the Bobcats (15-6, 5-4) in Saturday's second-round action, as they fell 5-0 to the No. 10 Cougars. Leborgne and Casagrande fell 8-4 in the top doubles slot, while Beliankou and Nucci fell 9-7 in the second position. Bernardes and Wadstein then fell 9-8 at third doubles. Nucci lost at fourth singles 6-2, 6-4, and Bernardes was dropped to 14-4 on the season, losing 6-2 and 6-3. Leborgne was named second-team allconference in singles play.

As of this past Wednesday, the men's team was still awaiting to hear its fate concerning the NCAA Southeast Regional Tournament, which will be held

Baseball

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to give GCSU a five-run cushion with the score at 8-3. In the eight inning, the Blazers added one run, but they were unable to catch up and the Bobcats defeated Valdosta 8-4.

On the mound, junior pitcher Jason Nicholas had a great start, hurling nine strikeouts in the first six innings, allowing three runs. Junior Ryan Haynie stepped in for the seventh and eighth innings, recording one stikeout and allowing one run. In the ninth inning, senior Brendon Malkowski allowed two baserunners but closed the door for the victory.

"It's always great to knock off a ranked opponent," Ward said. "Overall we played good team baseball and were able to get the win."

This victory also marked as head coach Tom Carty's 100th victory as the GCSU head baseball coach in his three seasons coaching the

"I'm here as the head coach, but we have good players and good assistant coaches," Carty said. "It's definitely a milestone you like to have in your cap and it's what you set out to do when you coach here at Georgia College."

The Bobcats were on the road this past weekend, and swept Montevallo in a three-game series.

The first two games of the series against the Falcons took place on Saturday. GCSU pulled ahead in the first game when they scored two runs in the first, second and third innings, including two RBI from junior second baseman Jason Venya in the third inning, giving the Bobcats a 6-0 lead. After scoring one run in the fifth inning, GCSU was able to spread the gap when in the sixth inning a threerun homer from Pitts set the score at 10-0. Senior centerfielder Sean Harrell hit a solo homer in the eighth and five more runs in the eighth from the Bobcats secured a 16-5 win.

The second game of the doubleheader started with GCSU scoring two runs in the first inning and five in the third, including a two run homer from Harrell, his second of the series, setting in the score at 7-2 in favor of the Bobcats. GCSU the added three runs in the fourth. The Bobcats secured a 12run cushion in the eight inning when they scored five runs, including a solo homer from Ward to set the score at 19-7. In the ninth inning, the Falcons



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Senior shortstop Chandler Snell demonstrates textbook fielding form as he awaits a grounder during GCSU's 8-4 victory over Valdosta State this past

attempted to catch up by scoring five runs but were unable to and the Bobcats won the second game of the series 19-12.

In the final game, Montevallo was first to take the lead when they scored two runs in the second inning and run one in the third, while the Bobcats scored two in the fourth and were trailing the Falcons 3-2. GCSU took a huge lead when they scored eight runs in the fourth inning, including two RBI hits from Harrell and Pirkle, giving the Bobcats a 10-3 edge. GCSU struck again in the sixth inning when they scored eight more runs, including a solo homer from Pirkle, to set the score at 18-6. In the ninth inning, freshman first baseman Cody Maas smashed a three-run homer over left field for a final score of 21-6 and a three-game sweep for GCSU.

"Right now we can just get better in all aspects of the game," Pitts said. "We're swinging well, we're playing decent defense, but I think if we just get a little bit better in all those we can do very

The Bobcats wrap up their three-game series on the road today against North Greenville.

"We just need to sharpen up our game, keep working on defense and keeping guys healthy and keeping them sharp," Carty said. "There's no secret formula at this point."

GCSU golfer takes PBC Player of the Year honors

BY COURTNEY MURRAH

Bobcat golfer swings his way to PBC

Player of the Year

Francisco Bide won the honor of being the Peach Belt Conference's Player of the Year at the 2010 PBC Golf Champion-

Bide, a management major, is a senior member of the GCSU golf team.

Jimmy Wilson, GCSU's head golf coach, has coached Bide through his years at GCSU and was the one to nominate him for the honor.

"We as coaches will nominate our players for all-conference honors." Wilson said. "Then all of the nominees are sent out to the coaches to be voted upon. You cannot vote for your own players. I nominated Francisco, but I could not vote for him. So he was actually chosen by all of the other coaches in the Peach Belt Conference, I guess you could say. He was the leading vote-getter.

Bide competed for the title against his Senior Francisco Bide putts during the own team and the others of the PBC.

"There are 11 schools in Peach Belt that displayed in golf," Wilson said."There were all of the players from 10 other teams, plus ours.'

Bide is the third Bobcat to have won PBC's Player of the Year in golf, but is the first since 2003.

"I started (playing) when I was 12, so I've been playing for 10 years," Bide

He first enjoyed the sport as a hobby with his family to substitute for basketball in its offseason.

"I actually started with my dad and my brother one summer." Bide said. "I used to play basketball and there were no basketball games during the summer. It was like something for me during the summer."

Bide is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was given the opportunity to go to high school in California for his junior year.

"My junior year of high school, I did an exchange student program," Bide said. "I went to California for a year. I did my junior year of high school there and then I went back and finished high school back

After graduating high school in Argentina, Bide traveled back to the United States to begin college at GCSU.

"The whole idea when I did the ex-



FILE PHOTO

Bobcat Invitational tournament last month.

change student program was because I wanted to come to the States and play golf and study," Bide said. "While I was there, I met the assistant coach at the time when I was a freshman here. He was from Argentina. His name is Jose Medrano. He used to play here, too. He's the one who got me started here at Georgia College.'

Bide has been playing golf at GCSU for the past four years. This season marks his last, which will end in the NCAA tournament, either in the Southeast regionals May 3-5 or, if Bide and the rest of the Bobcats play to their potential, in the national championship May 17-21.

Francisco Bide:

Season by the Numbers

Stroke average: 72.8

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2 Top-five finishes

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by caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

A View From all Sides

Umpiring, playing, covering, watching. All of these words could describe me in relation to intramural athletics.

I am a referee/umpire. I do play (albeit not terribly successfully). You've been reading articles like this all year. And who doesn't enjoy watching their friends be the hero (or the goat?)

All of these words have a common, underlying connection, though. And that's "good."

(Seriously? Of all the words I could choose, it's "good?")

Yep.

See, this year's been a successful one, no matter how you look at it:

From a referee's standpoint, softball season has been progressing smoothly. Heck, there will always be some complaints, and even the best referees have an occasional bad night. I know I've had a sideline full of sorority girls letting me know about a bad call I've made before. But for the most part, games were not decided by a bad call or a shoulda-been, couldabeen no call.

The most satisfying response an umpire/referee can have is silence. It means there were no complaints. (But a handshake is okay, too)

For the player in me, I found C-league athletics to be quite enjoyable. Hey, I reside and play for Bell Hall teams. They're not well-renowned for being major contenders. Yet finding a balance of competition and laughter can leave even the most passionate athlete smiling, and that I'll remember from this year.

Oh yeah, and the new infields are kind of nice, too.

Covering intramurals has been a new experience. But it's also been rewarding. Did you see the photo spread in last week's Colonnade? It's always cool seeing something so prevalent in one's life in a different light, and to share that experience with others. Bert Rosenberger, Chris Russell, and Joey Nipper have been open to any questions this reporter could come up with, giving the dirt about the new dirt for the infields, new rule changes, and explanations for potential problems whenever asked.

And then, there's watching. If you missed a championship night game, there's still time to enjoy the experience with the softball playoffs winding down. In the past, there have been free hot dogs/drinks, different set-ups for the fields (see: flag football), and a different feel to those nights.

I remember umpiring a softball championship game last season, and the bleachers were absolutely packed. Making a call on a bang-bang play has never been so nerve-wracking...especially when 50+ people are going to erupt no matter what the call. But that's what a true sports atmosphere feels like!

And that's why intramurals has been good. Heck, in many ways, it's better than that. But no matter whether your team won a title (and snazzy shirt), or didn't score a touchdown all season long (see: the flag football team I coached), there was/is something to love for everyone.

That's why sports keeps drawing us in. And that's why this reporter keeps with it.

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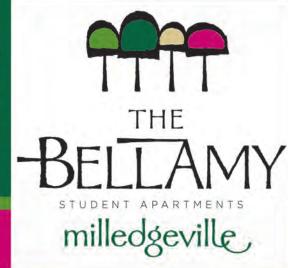
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